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Draft EIS for lower military overflights published

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Air National Guard (ANG) has issued a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for its proposal to lower the flight floor for fighter training missions over much of western Maine, including the Bethel area.

The DEIS comes more than two years after the ANG first announced the plan, which would affect the Condor Military Operating Area.

Condor overlies more than 5,000 square miles of western Maine.

If plan is approved, floor would drop from the present 7,000 feet msl to 500 feet agl.

The current operating floor in Condor is 7,000 feet above mean sea level, but the ANG has proposed lowering the floor to 500 feet above ground level.

The ANG has argued the change is needed to allow its pilots to practice realistic interception missions.

But when the plan was first announced, in the spring of 2007, critics immediately questioned the need for such ground-hugging operations, and they expressed concern about safety, noise and the impact low-level flights would have on the quality of life here. (For example, see a letter to the editor on Page 2 this week from Bethel pilot David Leigh).

And they were hardly comforted by the draft "Environmental Assessment" issued at the time the ANG unveiled its proposal.

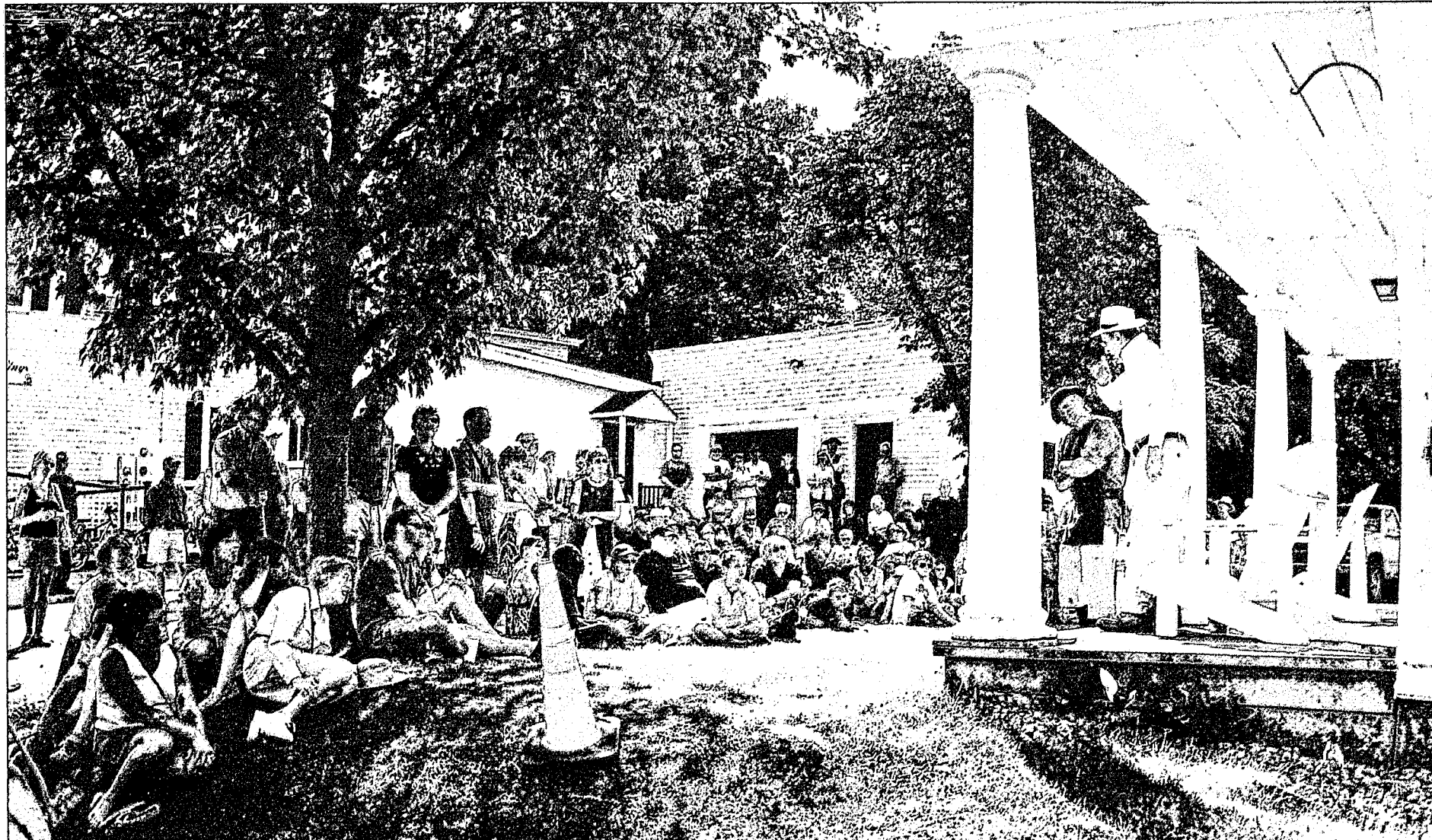
The critics assailed that document for outdated, incomplete and erroneous information, and for failing to take into account workable alternatives to lowering the floor.

The ANG initially offered to correct and update the EA, but faced with continued dissatisfaction and political pressure, eventually agreed to produce a full-scale EIS — a far more extensive document.

On Friday of last week, the ANG posed a Notice of Availability for a draft EIS in Federal Register.

That draft can be found on the Maine Department of Transportation's website, at: www.maine.gov/mdot/angcondor/documents/CondorDEIS080609.pdf.

Underground buzz doesn't deter porch play fans



"When the Parade Came By Our House Every Year About This Time We Would Gather On the Porch," was performed Saturday along the entire length of Main Street by the Bethel Community Players. Each of five acts took place on a different porch, ending at Stan Howe's on Broad Street. Here, with a good crowd looking on, town crier Ross Timberlake (left) and Joe Arizzi converse in Act Four

on Karen Brown Mohr's front porch. The orange traffic cone in the foreground warned spectators away from a ground hornets' nest in the lawn. Undaunted by the humans, the hornets continued to come and go throughout the 20-minute act. There appeared to be no casualties among either species. More photos, Page 11.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

\$5 million Telstar gym/theater plan Voters will decide on Election Day

By ALISON ALOISIO

A proposed \$5 million addition to Telstar high/middle schools will go to district voters in November.

The School Board voted 10-1 Monday to send the proposal for a new gym and performing arts center to referendum.

The plan, submitted on short notice, received approval last month from the state Board of Education. Funding would be provided through a no-interest loan, funded by federal stimulus money.

The loan would be repaid over 15 years in annual payments of approximately \$333,000.

Let the people decide

Several directors said that regardless of their own opinions on the plan, they felt the question should be decided by voters, and not rejected out of hand by the board.

District's used computers now available for purchase, Page 4

Chairman Sid Pew of Andover said he did not believe "the 11 of us here at this table should kill this without letting the citizens vote on it."

Woodstock Director Sheryl Morgan offered an historical

perspective on the opportunity.

Morgan, who returned to the board recently after service in past years, recalled discussion in Woodstock about the need for a gym. But, she said, there were concerns then that the arts were being overlooked.

"But now we have the chance to do both, and I think it should go out to the voters," she said.

Woodstock Director Marcel Polak agreed, but noted he personally opposes the project.

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Senior writers tapping their creativity

By ALISON ALOISIO

Suzanne Taylor's creative writing class made a request that would be music to a teacher's ears.

"They wanted homework," said Taylor. While her teaching skills likely played a role, the maturity of the class was probably a factor, too.

The 10 or so students are members of the Western Mountains Senior College. They first enrolled last fall for an eight-week stint with Taylor.

"They liked it so well they wanted to continue all year," she said.

And now, into the next school year. The students, all women, come from a variety of backgrounds, many with no previous

formal writing experience. A few have had experience, but only in practical, goal-oriented writing.

"Many times I felt my writings were too factual and needed more flair," said Ruth Barrett. "When creative writing was offered I jumped at the chance to come aboard."

Taylor would often prompt the class by simply writing a word or phrase on the board. For one class, the topic was "snow."

"Following procedure, I wrote about snow," said Barrett. "After reading it aloud, Suzanne, with her lovely encouraging smile, said, 'that would make a wonderful poem.'"

The result was "Winter Snows."

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Davis Park boat launch sits high and dry on new Umbagog-to-the-sea trail

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Davis Park in Bethel will not be an official port of call on the planned Androscoggin River Trail.

Town selectmen voted unanimously Monday evening to decline a request from the Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC), which is in the process of developing a trail running the river's full 168 miles, from the source in Lake Umbagog to Merrymeeting Bay, where the Androscoggin debouches into the Atlantic Ocean.

In a letter requesting the Davis Park boat launch be part of the new trail (and listed on the trail map), the ARWC wrote: "The Androscoggin River Trail will be developed by providing uniform signs at new and existing access sites, creating maps showing the sites, improving amenities, and insuring good site maintenance."

The aim, the letter said, was "to make this attractive river more accessible for local people and visitors alike."

And that, the ARWC wrote, "will benefit businesses in river communities."

If a site is included in the trail, the letter said, "ARWC will provide mapping and information services, and we will assist in site improvements and development of new sites by applying for grants and other fundraising and supplementing local efforts to obtain volunteer labor services for improvements and maintenance."

In exchange, the ARWC asked that the site owner grant permission for the organization to install uniform river trail signs, assist in sign installation and agree to follow basic maintenance guidelines.

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Bethel selectmen reject an offer to be listed on Androscoggin River Trail map, primarily over concerns about parking space.

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Letters

GOOD IDEA — WRONG PLACE

To the Editor:

It is safe to say, that every reasonable U.S. Citizen supports a vigorous and proficient defense of our country and we citizens, this author included.

Brigadier General Scott Rice, Massachusetts Air National Guard and director of Northeast Air Defense, a seasoned, professional and concerned airman, is pursuing vigorous and proficient defense of the Northeast. His dedication and sincerity to change are without question.

General Rice has applied to the Federal Aviation Administration to change an altitude restriction in the Condor (MOA) Military Operations Area. The change would permit aircraft to train to intercept suspected hostile targets at altitudes at or above 500 feet above the ground and speeds of 500 miles per hour or greater (Operational Air Defense commanders authorized speed of Longley Air Force Base interceptors on Sept. 11, 2001. Source 9/11 Commissioner Report).

The restrictions that exist in Condor MOA were established to allow fighter maneuvers and intercept procedures in the airspace above western Maine. That effort was designed to provide training without endangering or advisory affecting life and commerce in the underneath ground. That MOA was also constructed to allow operations down to 300 feet above the ground in narrow one directional corridors on the north-south perimeters of the Condor Airspace.

Condor MOA has served us all well. Fatalities have occurred and frustration, anxiety and inconvenience have been noted.

Western Maine has developed into world-class destination. Its economy is maturing and businesses are beginning to see some return of their vision and investment.

The trauma of a low-flying, high-speed aircraft will reverse that progress in a very short time and western Maine economics will revert to precarious and diminishing times.

By this letter I urge western Maine selectmen, businesses and investors to get involved in the debate. Express your concerns, comments in the ongoing Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

A formal comment hearing will be taking place in Farmington, date to be announced. Contact Governor Baldacci, Senators Snow and Collins, start Representatives and Senators and local U.S. Congressional Reps. to be careful of what you wish for.

David W. Leigh
Bethel

NOTHING LIKE A DREAM

To the Editor:

For those who missed Saturday's "When The Parade Came by Our House Every Year About This Time We Would Gather On the Porch" I can only say you missed an absolutely fabulous presentation of not only five original one-act plays, but also excellent commentary on Bethel's historic Main Street, along with some great pitches encouraging those in attendance to meander into and support the local businesses between acts.

The plays, performed in conjunction with Sudbury Canada Days, were the brainchild of local artist, musician, and playwright Ross Timberlake (and yes, it's the same Ross who is also an excellent craftsman of Shaker furniture!). Having known Ross for nearly 30 years, it's still impossible to adequately describe the depth of his passion for performing arts, especially theater (both writing and acting). Ross also possesses a great love of his community and has had a vision of combining the two ever since his return around 10 years ago. I don't know how many times I've heard him mention the idea of porch performances, so for me especially it was pure joy to witness the culmination of his tremendous efforts in not only writing the five plays performed Saturday, but also doing an indescribable amount of organization required for the entire project to come to life. Press releases, posters, e-mails, website info, funding, delegating — it takes so much work to create the magic that entertained all of us lucky enough to attend.

Congratulations, Ross, it worked! Thank you; thanks to your beautiful wife, Carole, for not only supporting your dreams but also being such a wonderful actress; thanks to Lynn Arizzi for being a great partner in vision and direction not only with Bethel Performing Arts Project but also all her work with the Senior Players; thanks to all the extremely talented actors and actresses who played parts and added their special words and ideas to the entire concept (our community has such a wealth of talent), and thanks to all you porch and prop providers (gotta love seeing Buster and his wreckers taking part!) — what an extraordinary production! May you all continue your amazing efforts in the creation and growth of the Bethel Performing Arts Project, and may it continue to fuel the collaboration of the arts, business, and "community." Quoting a line from Act II, the segment entitled "When the Parade Came By," "There's nothing like a dream to create the future." Thanks for dreaming, Ross — thanks to all of you!

Jewel Clark
Bethel

GARDEN CLUB THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Garden Club would like to thank the generous person who last week tucked money under the flowers in the triangle at the head of Main Street.

Lucia Schwarz
Volunteer

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GREENWOOD LAND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

In the Aug. 6, 2009 issue of The Bethel Citizen Michael Daniels wrote an article that I feel the need to respond to.

The Greenwood Selectboard should be proud of the way that the Planning Board has handled themselves. With the help of AVCOG they created a land use ordinance to put before the town. Many hours were spent working and reworking a very complex document. Unfortunately, the draft (No. 6) that went to the Selectboard and the public hearing included language relating to timber-harvesting restrictions. The inclusion of that language required the participation of a certified forestry professional in developing the ordinance. After meeting with a state forester the Selectboard recognized that because a state forester was not involved with Draft No. 6 it could not be sent to the voters. Draft No. 6 also included overlays that had subjective and non-defendable language. Instead of reacting to the petition regarding Draft No. 6 and sending an illegal ordinance to the voters the Selectboard opted to form an advisory committee to work with the Planning Board to address all of the issues cited including timber harvesting and the subjective language in the overlays. The Selectboard and the Planning Board chose the advisory committee from a group of interested Greenwood residents along with other people that offered special expertise.

I also feel that the Selectboard should be proud of the advisory committee for the work that it did with the Planning Board on Drafts 6 and 7 making Draft 8 a fair and defendable ordinance. The committee, that included members of the Planning Board, spent many hours finalizing Draft 8 so that it could go to the town for vote. Three of those committee members, described as the "general public" by Daniels, were at the Aug. 3 Planning Board meeting. Daniels describes part of the meeting as "20 minutes of rambling, directionless discussion." I was one of the committee members present and I disagree with his assessment of the meeting. By "taking part freely in the discussion" I believe that we added meaningful insight to the conversation. We were not "contentious" or "rambling." Daniels chose to leave out the fact that on several occasions we were supporting comments voiced by Planning Board members.

I want to add that even though the proposed overlays do not affect me personally or the company that I work for I feel that as written they represent a taking of personal property rights without benefit to responsible land management. I also feel that the overlays will have a negative financial impact on the landowners and taxpayers and it is very possible they will also have an adverse financial impact on the town of Greenwood. At this last meeting mentioned in Daniel's article it was clear to me that members of the Planning Board felt the same way. I think it is a positive sign that they were willing to hold firm to their beliefs and not second the motion to add overlays that are subjective and not defendable. It should also be known that some members of the Planning Board would have voted to send Draft 8 without the overlays to the voters had they not run into opposition.

If it is the desire of the Selectboard to have a special Town Meeting as soon as possible regarding the ordinance why not offer Draft 8 in its current form to the town for a vote. The people of Greenwood should know that the town is currently quite well protected. The town currently has a Site Plan Ordinance, a Sub-division Ordinance, a Shore Land Zoning Ordinance, policies and the E911 ordinance regarding driveway and road cuts off feeder streets and state timber harvesting laws that are already in place. There is an advisory committee that is willing to continue to work with the Planning Board on the ordinance in order to provide the town with a fair and defendable document. Why not follow the direction of members of the Planning Board and send Draft No. 8 without the overlays to a town vote and let the committee continue to work on the overlays?

David Stearns, Greenwood Resident and Taxpayer
and Land Use Advisory Committee Member

ALBANY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

To the Editor:

The Annual Meeting of the Albany Improvement Association was held on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m., at the Albany Town House. At that meeting, plans were made for our annual fundraising Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are presently requesting donations of clean used items. (No clothes, please.) Call Buzzie Lapham at 824-2568 for drop-off information.

Many improvements have been made to the interior of the Town House with the removal of old wallpaper, walls prepped for painting, tin ceiling repaired and ready for paint, handicapped door installed, support pillars added on main floor, roof/attic repaired, new kitchen ceiling installed. Work will begin soon on the interior painting of walls, ceiling and trim, and construction of the handicapped accessible ramp and parking area. Our goal is to have the building ready for fall voting.

Plans are also underway for a fall Open House on Oct. 4, to celebrate the changes in the Albany Town House and for the presentation of a plaque designating the building being placed on the National Registry of Historical Buildings. We are also looking for donations of display cases, as well as artifacts, photos, and documents depicting life in Albany's early years.

Much appreciation and thanks to all our supporters of fundraising efforts in the past. You will now be able to see the outcome of these funds at work.

Norma Salway
Albany Improvement Association

END-OF-SUMMER CONCERT

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Community Band will have its end-of-the-summer concert Monday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Gould Academy Auditorium.

We have added new players for the summer. Several young people from Telstar and Gould Academy are playing instruments and joining us for the final concert of the season. Because of the added number of players, we are having the last concert at Gould, where the auditorium is larger. We are playing Themes from Harry Potter, Ashokan Farewell, Cool Blues for Trombone, Themes from ET, Under the Sea, Voyagers, and other favorites. As an added benefit a quartet of clarinets will play.

Refreshments will be served after the concert. That gives everyone a chance to mingle and meet the musicians. Donations are accepted at the door and will help to provide music and purchase instruments for the band.

Anyone interested in bringing out their old instrument and dusting off the valves or pads is welcome to come anytime we're practicing. The band encourages all abilities in the goal of promoting music in our communities. Rehearsals for the fall will start Monday night, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the West Parish Congregational Church.

For more information contact Jane Chandler, 665-2264 janechan@megalink.net or our directors Patricia Boyle-Wight 824-8453 pboylewight@ants.edu and Kathleen DeVore 875-2364 katdev@aol.com.

Jane Chandler
Band treasurer

TRIATHLON THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber is grateful to have had a very successful 18th Annual Maine State Triathlon this past Sunday — as well as a wonderful 2nd Annual Kids' Triathlon on Saturday — organized by the Bethel Outing Club. We had more than 275 athletes in the adult event and more than 60 participants in the kids' event.

An event of this magnitude is made possible through hours of planning and attention to safety and logistic details. So many are to be thanked for their support — through sponsorship, prize donations, logistic help, and volunteerism. We would also like to thank those who may have been inconvenienced on our roadways on Sunday morning — as the safety crew stopped you as the athletes were racing through.

Many thanks to our presenting sponsor, Oxford Networks; our host hotel and prize sponsor, Sunday River Resort; additional prize sponsors: Mt. Abram Resort, Great Glen Trails, Bethel Nordic Ski Center at the Bethel Inn, Maine Balsam Fir Products, and Bethel's Best Pizza Grille & Dairy Bar. Gratitude to Rosemary Bunn Laban for her financial donation to honor the memory of Denny Bunn and his love of this triathlon, and to All Sports Events for its upgrade of the timing logistics to chip timing. Glaceau and Coca-Cola of Northern New England were the beverage sponsors and Conant Meats & Produce sponsored the refreshments. A huge thanks to The Bethel Inn Resort for the use of its lakehouse facility, to Mac and Nancy Davis for the use of their lawn and fields, to Gould Academy and Jim McLaughlin for the use of equipment, to the Bethel and Oxford County Police for their help, and to Bethel Rescue for "standing by" in case of incident. Additional thanks are extended to Sunday River Resort and Bob Cloud for the use of the resort shuttle and to Western Maine Supply for event supplies.

The event planning committee is to be recognized for its efforts with a new race course. Thanks to Dillon Gillies, Bill White, and Tim Bruce for the time they took preparing and marking the course, and to Jim Reuter for measuring and drawing the transition area and parking. Chamber staff members did a fantastic job with all the many logistics-related to planning for the event. One of the most important logistics is having enough volunteers to make the event safe and memorable for the participants. Each and every one of them did a fabulous job and made for a great event. They are: Ellie Andrews, Barb Dion, Linda Gamble, Jim and Samantha Largess, Joe and Alison Aloisio, Read Dickinson, Rosemary Laban, Joan and Bob Westfall, Bill Tout, Richard Johnson, Dave Freiday, Doug, Kevin and Matt Zinchuk, Ed and Mary Jo Kennett, Darcy Liberty, Rick Churchill, Mac Sexton, Lesley Hanselman, Becky and Michaela Cummings, Sarah and Samantha Southam, Carole Duplessis, Cathy Newell, Nancy Murphy, Roger Beaudoin, Mike and Meg Steven, Bruce and Shirley Powell, Louisa Abarno, Bonnie Pooley, Cathy Lane, Steve Cross, Judy Holt, Jonathan Goldberg, Paula and Dan Wheeler, Tama and Gary Drown, Kathleen Ford, Bob Laux and Cynthia Moran-Laux, Kate Carroll, Robert Lowell, Robin Gilbert, Dave Berry, Jeremy Fredette, Kelly and Gabrielle Stone, Martha, Molly and Andrew Siegel, Kamil Sahin, Kelly and Susan Newkirk, and Charles Parsons.

We look forward to the 19th Annual Maine State Triathlon next year; it promotes fitness and family togetherness and also brings valued business and recognition to the Bethel Area for being able to host an event of this magnitude. Thanks to all!

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: The Bethel Pine Tree League baseball team clinched the league championship beating the Lewiston Athletics 7-3.

An RV belonging to Mark and Bonnie Needelman was consumed by fire at the Bethel Outdoor Adventures campground.

Deaths: Albert C. Smith, Sr., Bruce E. Smith, Ronald F. Lalime, Leon P. Bean.

20 years ago: Roy Newton proposed to lease the site of the old ferry landing behind Newton & Tebbets mill in West Bethel to the town as a canoe put-in/take-out point.

Births: Nariko Start Shimamura, Devin MacKenzie St. Ama, Emily Elizabeth and Hannah Marie Vail.

Deaths: Madelyn Gibbs Herrick, Lillian F. Lovejoy.

30 years ago: Sixty-eight children and chaperones from Gilead enjoyed at day at Faniasy Farm in Lincoln, N.H.

The new organ had been delivered to the Newry church, and was used the first time on Aug. 12, with Robert Duran as organist.

A large moose was seen swimming across Songo Pond.

Births: Carrie Lea Mason, Dana Michael Coffin.

Deaths: Henry F. Bowers, Sr., Herschel H. Bodwell, John S. Perry.

40 years ago: The Bethel highway department crew was resurfacing a portion of the sidewalk on the southerly side of Chapman Street.

According to a Maine Resources Planning report, the main stem of the Androscoggin River "will have limited foreseeable use as a recreational facility."

Lewis Sargent of Bethel painted the roof of the Upton church.

Birth: Alice Marie Moores. Deaths: Mrs. Betty Ann Libby, Blanche E. Merrill.

50 years ago: The Bethel firemen and their wives had a lobster feed at Dick Douglass' gravel pit.

The registration fee on passenger cars and station wagons was a flat fee of \$15 each regardless of size, make, or horsepower.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cotton of Bethel celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Mechanic Street.

60 years ago: The farm buildings of Ole Olson, Jr., on High Street, West Paris were burned in a night fire with \$10,000 loss. The nearby buildings of Arthur Buck were protected by the booster tank of the West Paris fire department.

Improvements at Bennett's Garage included a large new grease pit, a new concrete floor, and a taller door to admit high trucks.

Deaths: Robert F. Sanborn, John M. Barker, John A. Thurlow, Mrs. Irma Hinkley.

70 years ago: A 50th anniversary reunion of the '88-'89 classes of Gould Academy was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Wilson. Seventeen were present and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

The Garden Club of Bethel held its fourth annual flower show at Garland Chapel.

Two clothesline thefts in one night were reported.

Deaths: Charles H. Cole, Forest F. Thomas, Mrs. Lovisa Gammon.

80 years ago: After a New Hampshire car went into a ditch near John Anderson's at Skillington, a two-hour search was necessary to find a wheel that had rolled into a cornfield.

Deaths: Arthur E. Barker, Dexter W. Gray, John F. Howe.

90 years ago: Loss was estimated at \$175,000 in a pulpwood fire at Rumford. Fire engines were brought by special trains from Lewiston and Portland.

Ira Jordan, George Harden, and Levi Bartlett attended the 12th Maine Regiment reunion at Riverton.

Deaths: Mrs. Carrie Witham, William H. Cordwell.

100 years ago: The Women's Relief Corps held a meeting in Bethel to honor the newly elected senior vice president of the Department of Maine.

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Letters

TRI-TOWN RUMORS, PART 2 OF 2

To the Editor:

Each ambulance service has its own service area in which it is designated as the primary service provider. An EMS service that is requested to respond to an emergency outside their primary service area is required by Maine EMS rules to notify the ambulance service that is the primary provider. Under certain circumstances an ambulance service may provide treatment to a patient outside its primary service area. For example, when providing mutual aid or as back-up service to the primary ambulance.

The Tri-Town primary service area consists of the towns of Greenwood, part of Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock and Milton Plantation. Tri-Town's base station is located on Route 26 in West Paris. As noted earlier, a patient in a particular service area has the option of choosing a specific service provider. At their Town Meeting in March, the voters of Woodstock opted to have PACE, which is based at the Norway Hospital, as its emergency medical provider. Their choice has had some impact on the operation of Tri-Town, in terms of the number of runs to Woodstock, but not to the extent of diminishing its capabilities to provide emergency medical services to its primary service area.

Upon arriving at the patient's location, the EMT must make a determination as to what type of medical treatment the patient requires. If the care that is required exceeds the EMT's license level, that EMT is required by law to call in a request for an individual who is licensed to perform this procedure. If at the moment there is no licensed individual within the service area that can respond to this request then another ambulance service is called. In the case of Tri-Town it is usually PACE. The two ambulance teams will meet somewhere on the route to the Norway Hospital. Usually the EMT licensed to perform the procedure will transfer to the Tri-Town ambulance and proceed to the hospital rather than transferring the patient to the other ambulance. If no EMT is available who is licensed to provide the level of care needed, the patient will be taken directly to the hospital. During transit there is always an EMT in the patient compartment with the patient. On those occasions when you observe two ambulances from different services in the same location most likely a transfer is taking place.

Ambulance services work very closely with their local police and fire departments. Often members of these departments have taken EMS-approved training courses on basic procedures of patient care and are licensed as First Responders. Their task is to treat the patient until an EMT arrives on the scene.

In emergency medical situations, response time is a critical element. Response time is the time it takes an ambulance service to reach a patient and begin treatment. The clock starts running from the time that the dispatcher receives a 911 call until the ambulance arrives on the scene. It is expected that the average run time during a one-year period in an ambulance's primary service area will be twenty minutes or less. It is easy to see that the physical location of the base station in the primary response area is a critical factor in the measurement of response time to call for emergency medical assistance.

At the time the Maine EMS law was enacted in 1978, the ambulance in most rural areas was the local undertaker's hearse. It was staffed by whoever was available, the local doctor, nurse or a volunteer with some first aid training. It soon became apparent that under the new EMS rules that some changes needed to be made if the new operational standards were to be met. Thirty years ago a group of concerned citizens from the towns of Greenwood, Sumner, West Paris and Woodstock took it upon themselves to establish an ambulance service that became known as Tri-Town. Initially, it was staffed by a group of volunteers who were EMT-Basics. These volunteers drove the ambulance, treated the patients and served on its board of directors. Today, Tri-Town has two ambulances that are on call at all times. There is an EMT and a driver on site to respond to an emergency call. If one ambulance is on a run the second crew is alerted. If both ambulances are on call another ambulance service is notified, usually PACE. In a similar manner Tri-Town serves as a backup to other ambulance services if all their ambulances are out on call.

In summary, Tri-Town continues to serve its primary response area in a professional manner. It is an integral part of the community. It knows the area and its clientele. As long as we have the support of the community we will continue to serve.

Rodney Harrington
President, Tri-Town Board of Directors

Briefly

Pantry needs freezers and soup

BETHEL—The Bethel Food Pantry is seeking donations of freezers for its facility at the Ethel Bisbee School, according to coordinator Dave Bean. Anyone with a freezer to contribute is asked to contact him at 824-0369. The pantry is also low on canned soup, he said, and donations would be appreciated.

Fair, firefighter honors reminders

ANDOVER—On Saturday from 1-5 p.m. there will be a celebration for retiring firefighter Robert Hutchins, who has served the Andover Fire Department for 50 years. On Aug. 19, a Resource Fair for displaced workers will take place at the Andover Town Hall from 3 to 6 p.m., open to all area residents.

GA students travel to Guatemala

BETHEL—Two Gould Academy students were among a small group that recently traveled to Guatemala to volunteer with the Safe Passage program. The program provides educational opportunities and health and social services for 535 children, ages 1-21, from about 300 families who work in and around the Guatemala City garbage dump. Gould students Jordan Ramharter and Michelle Goldberg went for a week with team coordinator Rebecca Andreozzi. "We did fundraising prior to leaving that was directly used to support the program," she said. "Five of us raised over \$3,000. As the team coordinator, I worked with everyone to plan activities for the students in the program. Our theme was 'Happiness through Art.' We brought all the materials to do the projects and worked with all ages." Tonight (Thursday), in Rockland, a benefit concert for Safe Passage, with Marta Gomez, will take place at the Strand Theater, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday River Alpacas to be on TV

BETHEL—The Sunday River Alpaca farm in West Bethel will be featured on "Doug's Discovery" Aug. 19 on the Channel 13 6 p.m. regular newscast. Doug Rafferty of Channel 13 visited the farm, owned by Mo Libby, on Aug. 7 to film the segment.

CORRECTION

PIE EATER ID—A photo from Andover Olde Home Days in last week's Citizen should have identified a boy in the pie-eating contest as Hunter Nadeau.

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Merrill Hill, Sunday River's newest gated neighborhood on 460 acres offers world class amenities at every turn. Imagine your home flanked between Sunday River, Sunday River Golf Club, Ski Trails and Jordan Grand. The general architectural theme and style is best described as a mix between the Grand National Park Lodges "Parkitecture" and smaller scale Adirondack Camps and New England Cottages of the Eastern U.S. Every frontier has a leader and already these "hybrid" mixed media designs are blending with the natural elements on



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Bethel Recreation

Fall 2009 Soccer Sign Up

K-2nd Grade: Bethel Recreation will offer the traditional Saturday morning soccer program from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on the lower field at Telstar High School starting August 29th.

3rd-4th Grade & 5th-6th Grade: Program starts this Monday, August 17th and go through October 24th.

Sign up for the Boosters program at the town office by Friday, August 28th.

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Writers

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"There are gentle storms that invite the face upwards, eyes closed, permitting the flakes to melt on warm skin," she wrote.

Toward the end of her poem, Barrett draws on an observation she made while shoveling her driveway:

"A striking lonely bird's nest, previously hidden by vibrant summer leaves, nuzzled between branches appears. It is not empty, for nesting on it a large inverted snow cone clings."

The here and now
Barb Dion is another student who wanted to explore her writing potential.

"I have always wanted to write and this brought out ideas I didn't know I had," she said. "We have a great group — everyone has their own style of writing, from journal type to comedic."

Dion wrote "Living in the

"Now":

"When you are a child, your life revolves around the 'what will be.' You wait for school vacation, Christmas, and the Easter Bunny. You wait for the day when you can have the newest video game system, your own cell phone, and finally are able to drive. It's always 'When I am older I will have ..."

"When you are a senior citizen, you worry about the future — will I become ill, have enough money, or have the love of my grandchildren. While all of this is going on, we sometimes forget to see our 'today.'"

"When you get up each morning, the world is a blank page, ready to be filled with the experiences of 'now.' We all need to take the time to see what is before us at any given time, and make it the best it can be."

Perfection not needed

In teaching writing, Taylor said she stresses to students that they shouldn't worry about producing stellar work.

"We think it has to be perfect, and it's never going to be," she said. What's important, she said, is to get started.

Taylor taught many younger students during her career at Telstar High School. But this was her first time teaching a class of writers her own age.

"There's so much richness of experience. It's just so enjoyable," she said. We laugh a lot."

At the conclusion of the spring semester, the students' works were compiled into a booklet by Vickie Cummings of the SAD44 Continuing Education Department, which is WMSC's fiscal agent and collaborates with the college.

Telstar

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Polak, who said he is a strong supporter of the arts and education, voiced his concern that the plan had not been the result of a methodical process.

"I see opportunity trumping planning," he said. "We are reacting to a great opportunity, but it has not come as a result of a prioritization process both within district and within the community as a whole."

"Because we haven't done the planning, I'm not inclined to favor bricks over programs. There may be better ways of spending money ... I think there are some opportunities to be more creative."

And, said Polak, the proposed project would be "a community asset. But I think there has to be a line drawn between what is a school asset and a community asset. They do overlap to some degree, but I'm hearing too much emphasis that this is a community asset, and yet I don't think the taxpayers should be paying for that as taxpayers."

Cost per household
District officials have calculated that the average annual cost across the district for the

addition would be about \$43 for each \$150,000 in valuation.

That seemed like a good deal to Bethel director Lynn Arizzi.

"For what it would mean to our future — \$43 is a lunch," said Arizzi.

Director Keith Smith of Andover was the lone dissenter on sending the plan to the voters.

Despite the educational value of the project, he said, "I'm not in favor of it, because of the overall increase to the budget. I'm concerned we'll have to cut something else out."

Six directors were absent from the meeting.

Prior to their discussion, directors entertained 20 minutes of public comment, both pro and con, from about a half dozen people, most of whom spoke at a July 29 public hearing on the issue.

Separate articles?
Superintendent Dave Murphy updated the board on a question raised at the public hearing: whether the referendum vote could be split into two questions on the gym and the arts center, respectively.

He said then that the state would not allow that. In check-

ing back recently, Murphy said he was told — though not definitively — that "if the board felt strongly one would move and one wouldn't," that directors could decide to separate the questions.

But, said Murphy, in district subcommittee discussions "there's never been a conversation here about splitting it."

If the referendum is defeated, SAD44 will be responsible to pay an estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 in architectural fees incurred in the preparation of the proposal.

Staff appointments

In other business, the board approved the hiring of the following new staff members: Linda Percival, half-time Title I teacher at the Andover Elementary School; Katherine Rideout LCSW, special education social worker; Tanya Nichols, third-grade teacher at the Woodstock Elementary School (one year position). Also approved was a one-year leave of absence for teacher Kathy Burke.

Prior to the meeting, the board hosted a reception for several retiring directors.

SAD44 used-computer sale starts today

The SAD44 School Board Monday authorized a community computer purchase to begin today (Thursday).

The district has set out the following guidelines for sales:

Phase 1 will be open only to residents of sending towns (the five SAD 44 member towns and towns with tuitioning arrangements with SAD 44) and district staff.

The program will make use of Mac Books and I Books available for \$400 and \$190, respectively.

A form is available in today's Citizen (see Page 5). Copies will also be available at the Superintendent's Office at 21 Philbrook St.

in Bethel.

A copy of the form will also be added to the district website (www.sad44.org). No forms will be accepted without full payment, and the computers will be sold with restrictions outlined on the form. All checks must clear prior to computers being issued.

Computers are limited in number and will be sold as-is on a first-come-first-served basis. Purchases are limited to three per family, with a one-to-two week time frame for delivery.

They may be picked up at a designated location in the district. That date and location will be announced later.

Federal help for laid-off Andover workers

By EILEEN M. ADAMS,
Sun Media Wire

The 60 employees at Ethan Allen Furniture sawmill learned this week that they are eligible for a variety of benefits under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act.

U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins announced the eligibility through a statement Monday. The two had requested the status from the U.S. Department of Labor in June.

The closure of the local mill was announced June 24. At

that time, management said the mill would shut down in fewer than 60 days. The high-end furniture manufacturer is based in Danbury, Conn., and operates other mills in Vermont.

Kevin Kelley, a spokesman for Collins' office, said employees certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance can take part in re-employment services, job search allowances, relocation allowances and training of up to 104 weeks. Those workers who require remedial education so they can complete occupational training

may be eligible for an additional 26 weeks of training.

According to Ethan Allen Global Inc. Vice President David R. Callen, sales declined almost 42 percent between March 31, 2008, and March 31, 2009, calling for serious action that included consolidating operations.

Along with the elimination of the Andover mill, which saws lumber that can be made into furniture at the Orelans, Vt., mill, another Ethan Allen mill in Beecher Falls, Vt., will also close, leaving 260 people without jobs there.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Being one of the vertically challenged has been a pretty tall order for most of my life, but as I get older the challenge seems to be getting bigger. My doctor says my bone density is very good so that's not the problem. Maybe as I get older I sag more and being short it gives the appearance of being even shorter.

Whatever the case, I do feel shorter and that just confirms my belief that most things I deal with have been designed for a person 5'7" tall. I would just love to be 5'7" tall then I would never have to lose a pound! In fact, if I was 6' tall I would probably need to gain a pound or two.

So, here's the reality, I'm not fat, I'm just too short for my weight. I don't think people of height realize the hardships those of us closer to the ground live with. Not only do we have to watch what we eat because we don't have the body length to stretch out the fat, we also have to watch what we wear.

For example, I can't wear skirts, dresses or coats that are very long because they make me look like a Weeble, those little toy people with no feet. I can't wear anything too short because then too much of my stubby legs will show.

Even cars can be a problem for the vertically challenged. I think most vehicles were designed for the more elongated body. In order to have the seat close enough for me to reach the pedals I have to drive around with the steering wheel crushing my solar plexus.

Seat belts are definitely a great safety feature and I wouldn't want to drive a car without them, but they seem to fit across my throat better than across my chest. God forbid I ever have an accident. I'll be spared the fate of going through the windshield, but my neck will snap like a twig.

I think it's high time short people started getting a little more respect.

Supermarket shelves are also a challenge for people like me. I have to plan my grocery list based on what is reachable. I'm sure there is a whole world of great top-shelf items that I have never tried because I just plain can't reach them. I have to buy the giant size boxes of cereal even though I don't need them because the regular size boxes are always on the top of the shelf.

Housework is a major chore for the short-legged person too. Tall people don't have a clue what it's like to do half of the cleaning standing on a chair or stool. The plus side is that I can't see the top of the refrigerator so it doesn't bother me how much dust may have accumulated on it.

I used to marvel at my husband's ability to change a light bulb in a ceiling fixture without even having to stretch. For me to change the same light bulb requires standing on a chair on top of two dic-

tionary-sized books. He seemed to think his height somehow made him better than me, but I was always quick to tell him otherwise. I would get right up in his chest and tell him exactly how I felt.

As a couple, Henry's height and my shortness has led to a few problems. We can never see eye to eye on things even when we agree. And, when we did have a disagreement on something he would often say, "I'm not going to stoop to your level" and then he'd laugh.

There are some advantages, however, to being short. Because we're closer to the ground if we should trip and fall we don't get hurt as badly as tall people. We're great at picking vegetable and berries too. We don't have to bend as low as other people so our backs last longer.

We don't get depressed because for us things are always looking up. With a lower center of gravity we float better. And, we are more apt to see eye to eye with our children than the taller parents.

I think it's high time short people started getting a little more respect. Everything should be petite-accessible. It's definitely a little shortsighted for tall people to look down at short people all the time because the way I see it one of us munchkins just may rule the world some day and all the tall people will then get the short end of the stick.

Launch

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No parking
But the selectmen wanted no part of the arrangement, largely because they felt the site is already well used, and that the area where it is located is straining now to handle the traffic it already has.

"It's a pretty darn well used site as it sits right now. I just don't think we've got the parking there to work with," Don Bennett said. "If you're going to add more use to the Davis Park area, you've got to have more parking created somewhere."

Dennis Doyon agreed, and said that more than the parking was strained — and costing the town money.

"We don't have enough parking down there as it is, and we've got a dumpster down there that's being used and we're paying for, and out-houses," Doyon said. "We just don't have the room."

Bob Everett was also con-

cerned that by signing up a maintenance agreement regarding the boat launch, "we'd be giving away our rights to do what we want."

Doyon also expressed skepticism that cooperation with organizations such as the ARWC was really a mutually beneficial arrangement for the town.

He cited conversations with the Mahosuc Land Trust regarding the town serving as a conduit for funding used to extend the pathway in that area.

At the time parking was already an issue, he said, and he hoped the town could work with the MLT to establish more parking, perhaps across Route 26.

"I remember sitting here specifically and asking," Doyon said, "and we've heard zip back."

In his view, Doyon said, "organizations are very good at coming up and asking, but

when we ask them for something, they're really good at not coming back to us."

Doyon ultimately motioned for the board to tell the ARWC: "Thank you very much. It's a great facility, and has plenty of use now."

But Board Chairman Stan Howe suggested modifying the motion to say the board did not want to participate "at this point."

The board agreed. Following the vote, Bennett quipped: "All we'd need is an expedition down the river deciding they're going to park at Bethel."

But Bethel itself will not be entirely off the map as far as the trail is concerned.

The current, work-in-progress, draft version of the map includes the launch just downriver from Davis Park, at Bethel Outdoor Adventures — where there is already expedition-capacity parking.

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20 Spread in a tub

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Wednesday, Aug. 12

At 9 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to the North Road for a report of two stray dogs. They were friendly, and he coaxed them into the cruiser with food. One was a Rottweiler/Doberman mix with a red collar and the other a brown dog of unknown breed.

Sunday, Aug. 9

At 3 p.m. Officer Jason Goff assisted Bethel Rescue with a medical call at Crescent Park School.

Friday, Aug. 8

At 1:10 a.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to Railroad Street for a report of a possible assault. It proved to be a verbal disagreement. Several subjects were warned.

At 3:53 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to Will View Road for the theft of a propane tank.

At 4:42 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to Mason Street for a report of a domestic incident. A subject was told to leave for the night.

At 8:59 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the East Bethel Road for a report of a fire in the roadway. He found remnants of what looked like a chemical fire, which had burned itself out.

At 9:55 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the Intervale Road for a report of minors with alcohol. A subject admitted he had been drinking. Two pipes were also located in his pockets. Benjamin Smith was given a summons for sale/use of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

At 11 p.m. Officer Jason Goff assisted the Fire Department on Spring Street with a report of the smell of propane. The scent was not detected.

Thursday, Aug. 7

At 9 p.m. Officer Jason Goff assisted an Oxford County deputy with traffic control at the intersection of Routes 26 and 232 for a large structure fire.

At 10:30 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to a report of a loud party in West Bethel. Subjects were told to keep the noise down.

Thursday, Aug. 6

At 12:45 a.m. on the Walkers Mills Road Officer Jeff Campbell issued Samuel D. Caison, 25, a summons for sale and use of drug paraphernalia.

At 3:39 p.m. Officer Jason Goff received information about suspicious mail sent to a subject. On inspection the item was found to be part of a scam. The complainant was advised not to respond with personal information.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

At 11:41 p.m. on Mason Street Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Joshua L. Hamilton, 24, and charged him with domestic violence assault.

Oxford County Jail:

Aug. 9, 4:24 a.m.: Albert J. Cyr Jr., 44, of Rumford, OUI, violation of bail conditions, by Cpl. Scott Landis in Bethel.

Aug. 9, 1:58 a.m.: Keith A. Ryerson, 36, of Bethel, operating without a license, OUI; by BPD Officer Jason Goff in Bethel.

Aug. 6, 2:44 a.m.: Joshua L. Hamilton, 24, of Albany, domestic assault; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell in Bethel.

Aug. 6, 12:25 a.m.: Michael K. Chase, 27, of Newry, operating without a license; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell in Bethel.

Aug. 5, 9:35 a.m.: Keenan S. Angevine, 21, of Bethel, probation violation; by BPD Chief Alan Carr in Bethel.

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Printed Name _____

This form and total payment must be delivered to the MSAD 44 Superintendent's Office at 21 Philbrook St. in Bethel. Checks should be made out to MSAD 44 ESTATE Account. These computers are available on a first come - first served basis.

July Tally of BPD Activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, animal complaints, etc.): 157

Arrests: 11

Warnings: 26

Citations (speeding tickets and other moving violations): 37

Vehicle crashes: 3

Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

This week's news: Saturday's porch parade, Coming up reminders,

History Weekend on Broad Street, an editorial, Erin Murphy in Sweden, Busy at Bethel Outdoor Adventure, Bethel selectmen's meeting.

Porch Plays

Saturday afternoon finally came and with it some excellent weather. The porch plays began at Mitzi Naples' house with a story of a mill worker who slept days, worked nights and became a modern Rip Van Winkle. From then on the story poked fun at a number of Bethel's foibles turning the afternoon into a "Bethel Lampoon." By the time the players, camp followers, visitors and the curious arrived at Stanley Howe's porch on Broad Street over a hundred had joined the pilgrims on the way to Canterbury.

Ross Timberlake deserves a number of Oscars for his work in conceiving the project, writing the individual plays and maybe most of all his role of story telling along the way. Without a doubt he could be heard and understood over the noise of the crowd and Main Street traffic.

Bethel's trend toward regulation, lampooned on the porches, struck many responsive chords during the afternoon I am sure. It reminded me of the report from Gilead a few years ago about a Gilead citizen at a planning board hearing saying, "If you want regulation, move to Bethel."

A street report on Sunday mentioned that \$300 in donations had been received by the Porch Parade producers.

Coming up Saturday visit the 8th Annual Telstar Car Show (at Telstar); in case it rains Saturday, the show will be held on the following day, Sunday, the 16th.

Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. on the Common come listen to Connie St. Pierre's flute concert - part of this summer's Gazebo Concert series.

History weekend on Broad Street

The lawn in the center of the historical society buildings attracted a lot of interest Saturday morning. Eighteenth century actors set up a number of displays with tools, campsites, costumes and period artifacts. The return of Ken Hamilton, who portrays Indian life of the period, drew a lot of attention to the point that he unintentionally, along with one of the other colonial actors, became photo op personalities for the wedding couple getting married on the common.

This year the Sudbury Canada Days program included an excellent, very skilled silhouette artist, Ruth Monsell. A number of parents came with children for a silhouette session along with a couple of old timers. Her afternoon was spent working on a silhouette of Stanley's cat. At the afternoon's close and when the parade of porch players passed by she was busier than at any other time of the day.

Bruce Pierce and David Meltzer did a fine job of entertaining kids in their part of the day's program. As the sun was beginning to set the day's traditional Log Drivers Baked Bean Supper attracted more than 60 partakers. To the amusement of volunteers out among the public, no one knew where to send the people who asked where supper tickets could be purchased.

Friday evening the society presented its annual (Ralph) Hall Lecture. This year the talk was given by Professor

H. Draper Hunt to about 50 people. He focused on the career of Hannibal Hamlin who had a two-party career - a Congressman and next a Senator from Maine as a Democrat, then he left the Democratic Party to run and win a Senate seat as a Republican. He was elected Vice President on the ticket with Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865. After that he was appointed collector of the port of Boston but resigned to again serve in the Senate - overall a very long career in public office. Hamlin was born at Paris Hill, Maine in 1809 and died in Bangor in 1891.

Sunday afternoon's program was a book signing and talk by Steve Pinkham who wrote the "Mountains of Maine." Twenty-three attended this talk and several copies of the book were bought and signed by the author.

Sunday afternoon's Gazebo Concert

completed the weekend program, sponsored by the other performing arts group in town, the Mahoosuc Arts Council. A relaxed audience of 65-75 covering all ages from 2 to 80+ enjoyed the 50/50 Blues Band. Although the audience was scattered all over the gazebo end of the common, the band's audio system allowed all to hear their rhythm and vocals clearly and evenly. No motorcycle interruptions either!

A Five Million Dollar Editorial

With the trend toward the digital classroom and teaching environment moving across the country, if SAD44 accepts the funding, and the obligation to repay it, it would seem that investing in a modernization of the classroom and improving student learning should come ahead of more building. Teachers, students and computer systems would need reorientation to keep up with the times and young peoples' use of the Internet. (News from schools where the digital classroom has been adopted claims a welcome economic benefit of giving up expensive and often obsolete textbooks.) Better preparing today's students and future generations with

learning skills of the future seems to me to be a sounder investment than almost any other option including refusal of the grant.

Erin Colleen Murphy in Sweden:

Erin, David and Nancy Murphy's daughter, arrived in Uppsala, Sweden last week to begin an Intensive Swedish Language course in preparation for her upcoming year of studies at Uppsala University. Erin is an Honor's Bachelor of Arts Developmental Studies major at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and was selected for a full-year exchange in Sweden for the coming school year. In addition to the language, history and culture of Sweden, her course work will focus on issues related to International Studies from the perspective of a European country. As a Queen's honors student, Erin also spent her freshman year studying at Queen's International Studies Center at the Herstonmouex Castle in East Sussex, England.

Bethel Outdoor Adventure

In a Twitter length communiqué from Jeff Parsons, he says that yes, better weather has brought out the canoers and (gem and mineral) sluicers and nowadays an increasing number of tubers. That is, folk floating on large, black tubes from West Bethel to Bethel. Who ever would have thought that the Androskoggin would have families floating serenely down the river like that? Imagine!

Monday night selectmen's meeting

The board discussed purchasing heating oil with Jack Brooks and whether or not it would be an advantage to the town to buy now. The board decided to put off a decision until the next meeting, which is Sept. 14.

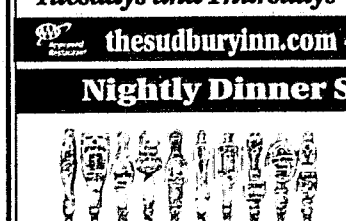
Robin Zinchuk, Bethel Chamber of Commerce discussed the chamber's request to the board for a letter of support to accompany a grant application to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. The grant would help



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fund a long-range project to acquire a more strategically located information center. The board voted to write a letter of support.

There was a request to the town to allow Davis Park Boat Ramp to be included in the Androscoggin River Canoe Trail, which now falls under the purview of the Androscoggin River Watershed Council. The board decided to not grant permission at this time for a number of reasons, including the already limited parking that is available. It was the opinion of all that the boat ramp is in excellent condition as is and is satisfactorily supporting a high level of use.

Town Clerk Christen Mason reported that Bethel is now a participating municipality in the state's online absentee ballot program. If you are a registered voter in Bethel, absentee voting via this program will be available for the November 2009 elections. Users should go to the Maine.gov website and choose Online Services. The first page is a partial list of services, click More Services and Absentee Ballot Request Form. One option is voting electronically.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman
This past week was the nicest weather that we have had all summer.

It came just at the right time,

since work began this week on the foundation for the schoolhouse.

My brother, Steve McLain, had a little help from his son, Brad, recently. They were doing some minor mechanic work on one of the vehicles.

Robert and Judy Bishop were in town this past weekend. Sue Saunders was outside with her grandchildren, so they stopped and visited with her for a while. Hugh and I went to the monthly meeting of the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association in South Paris, so we missed them. After reading the article in The Citizen, they wanted to check out all the recent developments around town.

The trees have been cut by Wild River where the new bridge will cross. The crew has now moved below the village and is cutting where the old Bennett farm was.

There has been progress at the bridge at Bog Brook. When the construction is finished, the road will be about six to eight feet higher and will be less likely to flood in the Spring. Some of the smaller culverts have been or will be replaced with much bigger ones and will help with high water, too.

While we were taking pictures the other day, we were watching the traffic. It is unbelievable just how many cars and trucks were traveling through town. Since they have to stop for the construction, they come in bunches. Between the traffic on Route 2 and the gravel trucks coming up over Bridge Street, the corner was quite a busy place!

Gilead Historical Society
There was a great write-

up in the Bethel Citizen last week on the relocation of the old Gilead Schoolhouse. There are a lot of people who have helped out with this project to save the village school. The work began with the arrival of a D.A. Wilson truck bringing a K&K excavator. It did not take long to dig the hole for the foundation. Over the next few days, the footings were poured, the forms were put up, and on Friday, the concrete was poured for the foundation. Paul, who is in charge of the project, did a good job keeping everything running smoothly. Hugh and I spent a lot of time over there throughout the week. We were taking pictures and videos. Hugh answered any questions that they had and I mostly asked questions and got in the way.

While we were talking with Paul, we found out that he was in charge of building the bridge on Route 113 that was washed out in July 2007 during the heavy rain that came through and caused a lot of trouble for Gilead and Bethel. We rode up Route 113 one day to take a look and it is very well done!

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh
Can you believe it? More than seven days with the sun out at least part of the day, and only a few showers for the last week! The

unpaved forest road is actually getting dusty, but that may change after this afternoon (Monday as I write this). In any case, the beans are ripening fast and require daily picking; the corn has tasseled, and tiny ears are showing; summer squashes at our daughter's are ready for the picking; and some of the yellow cherry tomatoes are ripe.

Sudbury Canada Days came and went from Friday through Sunday, with lectures, re-enactors, craft demonstrations, games, river drivers' supper, and old-time singing. A new addition this year was the five-act porch play, "When the Parade Came By Our House Every Year About This Time We Would Gather On the Porch," written by Ross Timberlake and performed by the Bethel Community Players as part of the Bethel Performing Arts Project.

Act One, "When," started at 1:30 on Mitzi Naples' front porch on lower Main Street. Ross, the Town Crier, introduced the play and players, then afterward filled in the audience on local history before he shepherded them on to area businesses and Act Two, "The Parade Came By," on Cathy DiCocco's porch at 2:15. Act Three, "Our House," took place at 3 p.m. on the porch of Linda Clifford's Scottish & Irish Merchant. "Every Year About This Time," Act Four, was on Karen Brown Mohr's front porch near the top of Main Street, starting at 3:45. Finally, the casts from the first four acts arrived at Stan Howe's side porch on Broad Street for the 4:30 finale, "We Would Gather On the Porch."

This consisted of a narrative poem read by Ross Timberlake and Lynn Arizzi, and acted out by the cast members. Speaking as one of the ensemble, I want to say a big "thank you" to the wonderful audience which followed us through the afternoon and who showed their appreciation by laughing in all the right places and applauding generously. And, of course, a special thank you to the playwright, Ross Timberlake, who inspired us all.

As actor/director of Act One, I wish to thank especially my fellow troupers: Norman Millard, playing the part of my newly retired husband, Henry; Gabrielle Stone, who acted as our granddaughter, Rachel; and Jeff Parsons, in the role of Howard, deliverer of flowers from Pooh Corner and advice for Henry, as well as being a former milkman. It was great fun to work together, and everyone contributed ideas for embellishing the script and making it personal. Kudos to all of you!

Our grandson, Andrew Siegel, went off to Tanglewood Camp in Lincolnville on Sunday with his friends, Rachel and Rose Goldberg. Preceding them last week were Andrew's sister, Molly; Molly's good friend, Abby Goldberg; and our Chesterville granddaughter, Louisa Stancioff. All three girls were participating in a counselor-in-training program over a two-week period. Last week had friendly weather, and we hope this one is good as well.

We put up a couple of quarts of dill pickles on Monday, and the slicing cukes are coming along. Soon there will be jars

of dilly beans on the cellar shelves, too.

Linda Westleigh is busily preparing for another family reunion this weekend. She expects 50 to 60 relatives to arrive on the Flat Road for the big occasion. The Westleighs' garage makes a perfect party room, and as usual it is looking pretty spiffy in anticipation of the big event. Have fun, Linda and Reg!

Scott Thayer, Verna Thayer's grandson from Wheaton, Ill., arrived in the area on Saturday for a few days' visit. He writes that he grew up here and misses it, so he and his wife have to get their "fix" a couple of times each year. He was planning on taking Grandma Verna to church on Sunday, where of course he will be able to connect with a host of friends and relatives. He said that he was bringing a few Illinois tomatoes along for the trip. Scott reports no bears or moose in his neighborhood, just "way too many" squirrels and skunks!

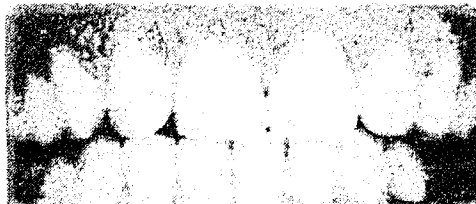
Mac and Nancy Davis returned last Friday from a three-week trip to Norway (the country, not the town) to visit several of Mac's former students. We haven't heard the full story yet, but they have hinted that they had a wonderful time. This week they are entertaining family: sons Jay and Kevin, their wives Julie and Julie (yes, that's right, you're not seeing double), and Mac and Nancy's four adorable and brilliant grandchildren.

My daughter, Kate, sent me a joke last week, and I couldn't resist including it in this week's column, so here it

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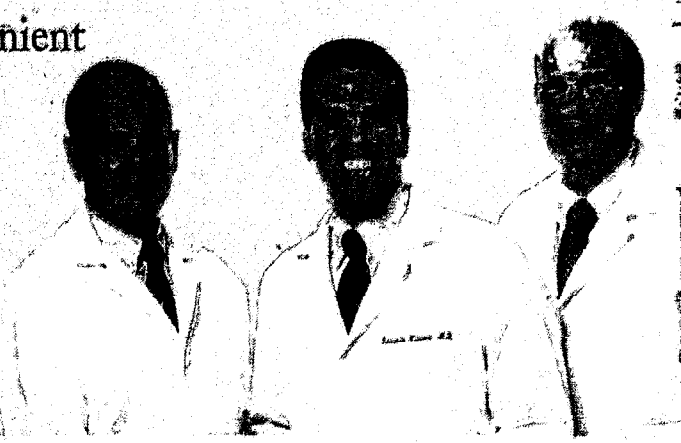
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A curious fellow died one day and found himself waiting in the long line of judgment. As he stood there he noticed that some souls were allowed to march right through the pearly gates into Heaven. Others though, were led over to Satan who threw them into the burning pit. But every so often, instead of hurling a poor soul into the fire, Satan would toss a soul off to one side into a small pile.

After watching Satan do this several times, the fellow's curiosity got the best of him. So he strolled over and asked Satan what he was doing. "Excuse me, Mr. Prince of Darkness," he said. "I'm waiting in line for judgment, but I couldn't help wondering, why are you tossing those people aside instead of flinging them into the Fires of Hell with the others?"

"Ah, those," Satan said with a groan. "They're all from New England... They're still too wet to burn."

I'm still finding chate-

relle mushrooms in the forest, but the black trumps-

pets are eluding me. Found only two returnables, for a 10-cent total this week — that's good news. Tell me how your garden grows and what wildlife you're seeing or hearing. Reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Dick Frasier's slide show was enjoyed by 28 current and past

residents of Upton. If any of you have pictures you'd be willing to have copied to make the great visual history even better, please contact Deborah Judkins at 533-2331 or Melanie Farmer at 899-9995. The slides will be used in a historical society, which is in the process of being established.

The steps of the church have been replaced. According to the carpenter from Colebrook, he was hired by John Angevine. What an amazing contribution, John. We are all appreciative.

Chris and Amy Boutwell, and their children, Elizabeth, Leah, and Oliver, from Auburn, tented in Joe's field on Friday night. Although some of them wore their jackets inside their sleeping

bags and snuggled together for warmth, they had a wonderful time.

I enjoyed the responses (favorable, baffled, and riled) that I got from my tirade concerning spellcheck's misinformation. As I read other columns in the "Bellyache" and other papers that are written by small-town correspondents, I realized that most of us are guilty of writing codswollop when we lack real news. Some columns are like a personal diary, some could be submitted to a bird lovers' manual, some are filled with news from other states. It's not difficult for readers to figure out our passions or pet peeves, eh?

I've heard of "face book" where folks apparently share pictures, birthday parties, guests they've had, people and places they've visited, and vacations they've taken with a lot more people on the Internet than subscribe to the Citizen. I'm guessing that's less personal (or more personal?) less time consuming, more exciting, or important than sharing news for a local paper. In any case, if you have snippets to share, you can use the Internet — e-mail me at lauriebrown400@gmail.com.

Thanks for all the messages congratulating us for becoming grandparents! We're enjoying it.

On Sept. 12 the Ladies Aid Association will be hosting what was called a "slave auction" back in the day. That's probably not politically correct, but neither is it accurate. Services will be auctioned, not people. Willing participants will offer services such as handyman, raking, cooking, washing windows, chauffeuring, to be auctioned off. If you're willing to offer a service, please contact the club's president, Leslie Aron, at 533-2481. Please, come bid on a service! Following that auction, will be an old-fashioned box lunch. One of every two people who come will bring a lunch for two. The lunch can be in a brown bag or a beautifully decorated basket. Nobody, other than the cook, should know which lunch he/she prepared or what's in it. The highest bidder for each lunch shares it with the person who made it. Any questions? Call Leslie at the above number, or contact any Ladies Aid member. See you there!

Alexandra Bernier of Camden, S.C., celebrated her 4th birthday in Bryant Pond at her grandparents' home. Andre and Flossie served a beautiful cake and lunch to dozens of friends and relatives

as Alexandra enjoyed her gifts and her special day. What a sweetheart she is!

Our library has "library membership cards." When you come get yours, check out the new books, new curtains, repaired windowpanes and bookcases. Although far from finished, I'm entering each book into the computer. Hopefully, a complete compilation of our books will facilitate borrowers and prevent any more from becoming "among the missing." We saw Dick Frasier's pictures of the library when it belonged to Silas Peaslee. The building was purchased and moved to its present location about 1930.

Also in the show was a picture presumed to be a shed at the Warrington Bartlett homestead on Back Street. I was born in that house, which was built about 1872 by Warrington's father, Freeland Bartlett. I don't remember the shed, though. My folks tore the old homestead down after they built their new house in 1987. Both the old homestead and the "new" home where Joe and Penny live are the last place on Back Street, which ends where our mailboxes are.

In 1885, a new ballroom in the Abbott House was dedicated by B.F. Whitney's dancing school and music was provided by Whitney's band. What a lot of history in this town! If you have some to share — I'm interested.

There are 13 "Upton School" tees left. Call Melanie Farmer at 899-9995 to purchase one. They're \$10.

Gene Pelletier, Penny's brother, is in the hospital. Get well soon, Gene!

I read in the Sun Journal that police officers who were investigating our president's background were removed from active duty. Holy cow! Are U.S. presidents above the law? Seems like there have been several investigations in the past — like Nixon, Bush — for instance. I wonder what the difference is? Do you know? Have a stupendous week. Selah

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

Last week you got a blow-by-blow account of my woes

with the computer so I



BLUEBERRIES AT THEIR BEST—The Locke Mills Union Church's annual Blueberry Festival took place Saturday morning and featured blueberry pancakes, pies, and other baked goods. Here, Rowena Dunham and Barbara Wakefield tend a table of goodies. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

thought I should, at least give you the update. In the time it took to read what I wrote about it last week my son, Ralph, sat at my computer and turned my screen back to its former color and put the picture back on my wallpaper. I hope that will teach me not to panic and wait until he is available to fix things, since I obviously do not have the knack, or the knowledge, or whatever!

The missions' crew from Maryland arrived last Saturday and went right to work. The pastor gave the sermon Sunday, the Vacation Bible School began Sunday evening (through Thursday evening) under the tarp with over a dozen children and hundreds of mosquitoes. (I never saw so many mosquitoes as there has been this year especially at the church.)

On Monday morning the crew went through the debris of a house of one of our parishioners who had gone through a fire, helping to salvage what they could.

On Tuesday morning they arrived at my house. They took out all the things in my carport; and, with Ralph officiating, since most of the stuff was his, threw out the debris and the junk and put all of the salvageable stuff they could back on shelving and tables. Some of them washed my windows inside and out,

one girl mopped my kitchen floor, some changed the oil in Ralph's car, and a grounds crew dug out all my weeds near the house (my pastor's brother uncovered a nest of hornets and got badly stung, thank God he is not allergic!) and swept and repaired my brick walkway. The dog, Chloe, shivered most of the time they were there, because people wanted to speak to her and pat her and she doesn't see that many people. The cat, Garbo, I put upstairs because she is the sociable one and I knew she would get underfoot. What was really amusing was once they were gone I let Garbo out and she wandered up and down the carport (her favorite haunt) muttering and sputtering to herself and letting me know that her favorite places were no more and she did not approve. Well, I certainly do and now the way they put things back we can get to everything we need which is a help, to say nothing of the improvement in the looks; and most everything is in one bay so we can get a car in the other, if need be.

Those working here were the twelve people from Maryland, (I don't know all the last names), Pastor Todd Marple; my pastor's dad, Curtis Otis Thacker; pastor's brother, Darren Thacker; his sister,

Kim and her son Ryan; Don; Carrie and her son, Daniel; Karen; Jasmine; Jason; and Christina. From our church there were Pastor Justin Thacker; Ginny Hunt; Laura Chesley and her niece, Courtney; and Roland Laliberti, Jr. If I have left anyone out please forgive me. It was organized bedlam here!

By the way, they got my gas dryer out from in back and put it where one can get at it and if anyone wants a gas dryer it is there, free for the taking. I don't need it any more.

I have a few little tomatoes on my plants, which rather surprised me considering all the rain. One of them has very yellow leaves so I don't expect much from that poor plant but the other one seems to be doing fine. Owen said he put some holes in the bottom of the buckets but not big enough to handle all the water we got. I can believe that! Who would have expected torrential downpours every other day? It seems to be nice to see the sun once again but it still can't go without clouds gathering every afternoon.

I was really shocked to hear of the shootings of the two men in Rumford, especially since victim Victor Sheldon's wife, Gayla, is the daughter of one of our members, Noel Husenfus. Both Victor and Gayla and their two children have attended our church at one time or another. It is bad under any circumstances but seems worse when you know them.

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by Verilinda Averill

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of the campers and horses, it is a group called Cross State Trail riders, a horse club that travels to different areas. Members that belong go on daily rides. (The club provided all of the portapotties that are down there.) They are here for a week.

From Angelo Kaltsos, Olde Home Days committee: "Andover's 14th photo contest was held Aug. 1 in the town hall. There were 247 photos exhibited. This number was less than last year. I contribute the decrease due to the economy. The contest was very competitive, but as usual, the photographs were very professional. Maine towns contributing were Andover, Bethel, Dixfield, Hanover, Mexico, Peru, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner, Turner and Woodstock. Other states submission: California, Georgia, Indiana, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Washington. Over 190 ribbons were awarded. Major winners: Best of Show, Debra Oliviera, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Animal Grand Prize, Debra Oliviera, California; Landscape Grand Prize, Brad Best, Andover; Portrait

Grand Prize, Tracy Whotton, Sumner; Black and white Grand Prize, Lauren Chagaris, Dumont, N.J.; 11-16 years Grand Prize, Brooke Young, Mexico; 10 years and under Grand Prize, John Walker, Bethel.

"I want to thank Tim Akers and Kelly and Ray Lyons for helping to collect and distribute photos to their proper tables. I also want to thank Tim and Darlene Akers for helping me disassemble the exhibit. I need to thank Hope Peterson for typing the names and towns of the exhibitors."

"Andover and the Olde Home Days committee want to thank all of the photography participants and viewers. We hope to see more of you next year — Angelo Kaltsos, judge."

Polly and Dick Johnston visited with Virginia Justard last week. They were sorry to hear of her fall. They visited with Dottie and Roger Mills a number of times. On Wednesday they left Andover at 8 a.m. to go to Boseback for overnight. Their daughter Joye, her friends, Brad Best and Patty and Lester Richardson, also went. Polly even went swimming, the others "finked" out! Polly said it was great to be back where she grew up. She talked to their daughter and her husband, Julie and John Merrill, who were supposed to fly out of Alaska to Seattle, Wash., and then drive to Maine. The weather was too hot to ship their dog, so they weren't flying out until Monday. Polly and Dick were going to end up missing them, as they were leaving Maine on the 9th.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Destiny Hutchins today, Coleman Bodemer on the 17th, young Adam Gammon on the

18th, and Kelsey Averill on the 19th.

Telstar High School sports players preseason practices start next week, Aug. 17.

Happenings at the selectmen's meeting Aug. 4: Discussion on the public hearing held at Telstar last week regarding a possible vote on a second gym and an art center at Telstar. Those from Andover who attended the hearing and were at the selectmen's meeting seemed to speak unfavorably of it. Also discussed was the Resource Fair that will be taking place in Andover next week, Aug. 19, at the town hall. All of the info is posted in the local businesses and at the town office.

Kids ages 7-12 don't forget the activities planned by the Rec. Committee for tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 14: Team Building/Trust activities. Meet at Upper Ball Field 9 to 11 a.m.

Have a nice weekend.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Friendly Reminder: The Branch Road-Eames Bridge is being replaced. No heavy traffic. Weight limit: 10,000 pounds. On Saturday, the 8th, the 6 a.m. temperature was 40 degrees. I checked back to winter and found that on March 8th at 7:30 a.m. it was 34 degrees.

I have enjoyed seeing the girls at Dr. Stuer's lately. My cat, Spooky, also seems to be enjoying their canned and dry Science Life Food.

Stopping at the Good Food as often as I do, I have noticed lately the many cars and motorcycle riders that stop for food cooked out-of-doors and the many varieties of burritos they offer inside. My favorite

is the black bean and sweet potato offering. Wendy even opened a large bag of carrots of which I only purchased two when I told her my refrigerator isn't working too well these days and perishables need to be wrapped in paper towels to keep even for a few days.

Last weekend was a double one for trips to Bethel. Sudbury Canada Days had lots of people on Broad Street on Saturday, but far less on Sunday.

Mark told me about the new taco shop, called Hot Taco, that has opened on Mechanic Street this week. I stopped by to check what their offerings are. Looks like I will stop by occasionally for lunch in my travels.

The Branch Road bridge work should be starting soon. The by-pass bridge looks about ready for traffic. It's great to see a fire truck just above the bridge in case the many homes beyond may need help.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

At Gardner Roberts Memorial Library the Ice Cream for Books reading

program will end Aug. 19. There will be an ice cream party for participants at 11:30 a.m. Details about an after-school program for children will be announced later. During the summer volunteer librarians have stepped forward to help from time to time. Last Saturday Mary Anne Dragon and Katherine Seeley were librarians.

The Hanover Planning Board met Aug. 5. Attending the meeting was Hanover Select Board Chairman Brenda Lee Gross who discussed procedural matters with the Board. The Board received an application from the Androscoggin River Council for changes to the Moran Boat

Landing at Bear River Rips. Ferg Lea described the work as presented in the application. The Board unanimously approved the application. The work will create a boat ramp for backing trailers into the water and an enlarged parking lot. Previously the site was for carry-in watercraft only.

Twin brothers, Michael and Geoffrey Howe, are the principals in Howe and Howe a company located in Berwick, Maine, that manufactures experimental remote control armored vehicles. The vehicles resemble military tanks but they are operated remotely without personnel on board. Recently, to test the durability of one of the vehicles they brought it to the remote Plumbago Mountain top. Various types of explosives were used in attempts to destroy the machine. Eventually a charge prepared by a New Hampshire State Police demolitions expert blew it to pieces. A contingent from the Discovery Channel was on hand to record the event for eventual viewing on TV.

Next Sunday, Aug. 16, marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Clem Worcester by lightning on Rumford Whitecap. Clem Worcester was a carpenter, jack-of-all-trades, Hanover fire chief, Hanover constable and had been a selectman. It was a very hot and humid day that Sunday when 13 people set out to pick blueberries on the bare-topped mountain. Around noon the group gathered at the pinnacle for lunch and when a lightning storm approached everyone took shelter under a large polyurethane sheet in a depression near the mountaintop. Lightning struck. Many in the group were rendered unconscious but soon awoke with the exception of Clem. Brothers David and Clement Worcester along with Dale Lapham and Arthur Pingree were sent to get help. Following afterward Louise Worcester, Mabel Kinne, Bill Worcester, Sally and Chip Kinne traveled slowly down the mountain. Frank

Worcester, Harry Kinne and Bob Lovejoy stayed with Clem and attempted revival. Making the rescue trip to the site were State Troopers Bud Doughty and Gene Bickford, Game Warden John Swasey and Rumford Fire Chief George Bulger. They soon determined that Clem had passed away and began a hurried trip off the mountain as other lightning storms were building in the area. As the word passed through the community area neighbors and relatives traveled up the mountain trail to help with the recovery effort. Fifty years later five of the 12 survivors remain.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Catney

A few years ago when I was writing the Andover news, I made a mistake that ended up in the New Yorker Magazine. Editor Mike Daniels loved this and never let me forget it. Mike, payback is wonderful. On the top right hand side of last week's front page it said, Ando Olde Home Days. It's Andover, Mike, gotcha!

Some East Andover residents are holding a family yard sale at Norma Farrington's house, 514 East Andover Road. It will be held this Friday and Saturday, the 14th and 15th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some more winners from Olde Home Days: Lawn Tractor Race: adults, 1. Jason Cole, 2. Rodney Learned, 3. Kevin Morton. Kids: 1. Kelsey Averill, 2. Ethan Meisner-Nelson, 3. Gabe Coolidge. 2009 Pie Eating Contest winners: age group 4-7 was Gabe Coolidge; 8-11 year olds was Todd McKellick; 12-15 was Lance Richard and 16 to adult was Isaac Mills. The winner of the Ethan Allen dresser was Jacqueline Thibau from Bridgton, and the winner of the home-

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made quilt, made by Merry Damon, was Carol Holtzman from Andover. There were two new members of the Olde Home Days Committee, Paula Lee and Scott Farrington. I guess Paula was a member last year but her name got left out on the Town Report. To see the names of all the other members, please look in last year's Town Report. The Stinson Cousin Family Reunion was held last Saturday in Stoneham at my sister Donna Gagne's home. Attending were Marjorie Stinson, Glen Stinson from Massachusetts, Brooke, Mike, and Dare Stinson Witskotsky, from North Carolina, Allison Stinson Shafer and her friend Jason from Michigan, Matthew, Nickie, and Mia Gagne from Manchester, England; Keir and Amanda Stinson from Windham, Maine; Rachel Stinson Henry and her husband Jeff and their sons Sam and Max from Vermont; Brian and Nina Carney from Massachusetts, and of course me. My mother had five of her great-grandchildren present. It was a good time. My brother-in-law, David Gagne, is a great BBQ cook.

There will be a retirement party for Bobby Hutchins at the Fire Station on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. It's an open house so you should drop by and thank Bobby for all his years of service for the AFD.

See 'ya.

Mason



by Richard Grover

We have been out of wireless contact for about a week.

After leaving Prince Rupert, we drove to Meziadin Lake Provincial



HUNGRY AND HOMELESS—These two stray dogs turned up at a house on the North Road in Bethel Wednesday with their ribs clearly visible under their coats. With the help of some food, Police Chief Alan Carr coaxed them into his vehicle. They are shown here in a holding pen, waiting for transfer to the Allen Hill Animal Shelter in Oxford. The black dog had a red collar. Both appeared friendly. If anyone recognizes them, or is interested in adopting, please call 743-7217. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

Park, BC, about 40 miles from Stewart, BC and Hyder, Alaska, where we camped. Meziadin Lake is a beautiful green water lake surrounded by majestic mountains and beautiful evergreen forests. The lake is also teeming with large rainbow trout, dolly varden trout and a few sea-run salmon. We saw them jumping out of the water all over the lake every morning.

Next day, we drove to Hyder to see some of the grizzly bears that feed on chum salmon that run up the river there every July and August to spawn. On the way down through the mountain pass from Meziadin Lake to Hyder, we encountered road construction,

which delayed our passage by more than an hour. One of the flagger ladies told us that the economic slowdown has devastated the town of Stewart, reducing its population from around 5,000 to about 400 people in the past five years or so.

As we drove through Stewart and Hyder, we noticed many houses and businesses either abandoned or for sale, and many others in a state of severe disrepair. It appears that both villages are sustained primarily by the steady stream of summer tourists coming to see the bears at Hyder. About two miles upstream from the village, the US Forest Service has constructed a wooden

walkway complete with solid wooden railing for several hundred yards along the eastern side of the river. Tourists can watch the salmon in the crystal-clear water and the bears saunter out of the bushes into the water from the relative safety of the elevated walkway. The chum salmon running in July are much larger than I imagined, running up to about three feet in length, easy to see in the shallow, clear water. When the bears wade into the water, the salmon scatter both up and down stream; the bears make a dash and try to pounce on a fish as it flees through shallow water. Every now and then, a bear successfully pounces

on a fish with its huge paws and razor sharp claws. The bear then grabs the fish in its mouth, sloshes ashore, and then you hear a crunch as the fish's backbone is severed by the vice-like jaws. The first small grizzly that we saw caught a fish, dragged it ashore, took one bite and then left the fish ashore while the bear went back to try for another fresh one.

After watching the bears and doing laundry at a laundromat in Hyder, we headed back to Meziadin Lake. It was so beautiful there, we decided to camp on the shore of the lake for another day. I paid for my license and got out the trusty fly rod and waders and

hit the water shortly after first light. Fish were jumping and splashing all around me and the lake, but I wasn't holding my mouth right, or something; I tried floating flies and sinking streamers of all different types that I had with me, but at the end of the day I had only attracted a couple rainbow trout about eight inches long, which I released because I was too embarrassed to bring one of those "minnows" in when there were so many giants jumping all around!

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt



Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday evening. The

Grange will put on the Republican Supper in September. Program was opening thought, Bertha DeHaas; opening song, "In the Good Old Summer-time"; Peggy Blake was presented her 60-year certificate and Richard Cole was presented his 65-year certificate; Dot Canwell, Cack Bean, Richard Felt and Laura Hutchins played music then several joined them to sing-a-long; Laura Hutchins played a couple songs on her accordion; Cack Bean played and sang a couple songs; Dot Canwell whistled; Bertha DeHaas read a poem she had written, "Summer Beauty"; Closing song, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"; closing thought. Next meeting will be Aug. 17.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group followed by prayer meeting at 6:30.

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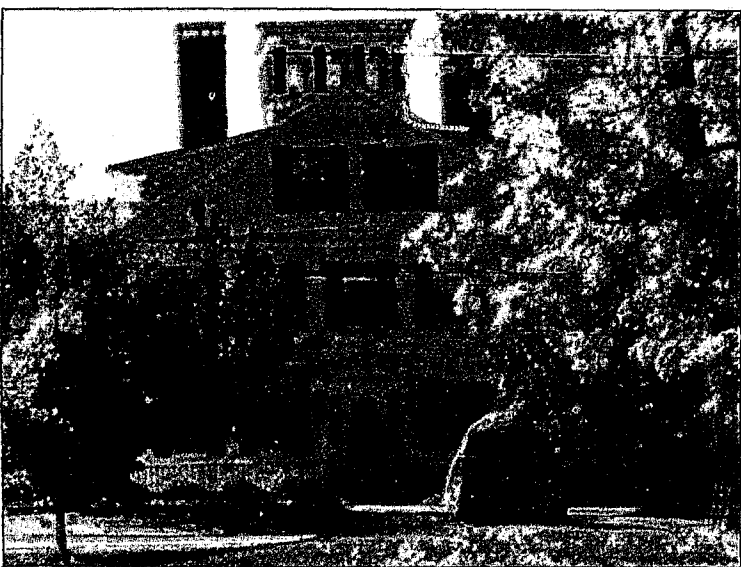
At the Whitman Memorial Library on Aug. 17, 18, and 19 Dawn Davis will hold a reading program for grades K, 1 and 2 on Books and Beyond. At the same time, Sonja Davis will hold a program for grades 3, 4 and 5 to enjoy stories by Maine author Dean Bennett about Maine animals and their environment. There will be activities relating to each story. The time for this is 9:30 to 10:30. All children are invited and light refreshments will be provided. Please stop in to the library to sign up. For more information, call 665-2505.

James Hoyt was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party on Friday, July 31, at the Fire Hall. Friends and relatives attended.

Robert Hoyt visited Friday evening and Saturday at his parents, Ken and Alice Hoyt. On Saturday evening he attended his class reunion at Bethel.

Ken and Alice Hoyt joined Jim, Charlene and Maggie Hoyt and Charlene's brother and wife from Massachusetts for a cookout on South Pond Tuesday evening.

Thursday evening we took Maggie Hoyt to Portland, where she received a scholarship from the National Dept. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which is holding its National Convention in Portland this year. Maggie will leave for Galladett University in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 14. She has been visiting her dad, Jim and Charlene Hoyt, for a week.



HAMLIN 200TH CELEBRATION—On Saturday, Aug. 22, Paris Hill will celebrate the 200th birthday of its most famous citizen, Hannibal Hamlin. Hamlin was the first vice president of Abraham Lincoln (also born in 1809). He was a distinguished public servant, serving in the Maine State Legislature, as Congressman, U.S. Senator, governor of Maine, and ambassador to Spain. The commemoration of Hamlin's birth will begin at 10 a.m. on the Paris Hill Common across from his birthplace, next to the First Baptist Church. Activities will include speakers, a walking tour of historic sites around the Common, and exhibits at the Paris Hill Historical Society, Hamlin Memorial Library and Paris Hill Academy. Nineteenth century games, music and craft exhibitions will be held on the Common. Box lunches will be available. The day will conclude with a rededication of the Memorial Monument set in place by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States at the 1909 Centennial Celebration. Saturday morning, the Post Office on Paris Hill will offer first day cancellations of special envelopes printed with a portrait of Hannibal Hamlin. The envelopes are available for purchase at the Hamlin Library or the Baptist Church. The Post Office will continue to provide the cancellations for thirty days thereafter. The celebration is open to the public. Information is available at 743-2980 or online at www.hamlin.lib.me.us.

From
National Training Laboratories

This was the final week of the NTL's Bethel summer season for 2009. The Human Interaction Lab, NTL's signature program, met at the Gehring House and was attended by 19 people from the U.S. and Austria. Dale Hill from Houston, Texas, was the lab dean. Other members of the staff were Jacqueline Bearce of

Amherst, Mass.; Barry Cross from Philadelphia, Pa.; and Steve Putnam of South Freeport, Maine.

Bethel area restaurants, lodging facilities, and shops were, as always, gracious hosts to the more than 125 NTL staff and participants from around the country and the global community.

Sunrise Seminars, a total of nine, were well-attended by staff, participants, and Bethel residents; and covered a variety of topics from "Pow-

er and Conflict" to "Dreaming" to "Diversity" and many other topics. The topic of today's (Aug. 13) 7 a.m. seminar is "The Science of Happiness" presented by Steve Putnam.

Steven Greenleaf, NTL's Book Store manager, reports a higher sales volume than last year, with new logo merchandise and bargain pricing on books. Several of the titles still in stock, are not available anywhere else. The Book Store, located at the back of the Gehring House, closes for the season Friday at 4 p.m. All are welcome to come in to browse and buy.

Thank you to all who helped make NTL's 62nd summer in Bethel a wonderful experience for both staff and participants. Thank you to Mary Brown and The Bethel Inn for providing lunches, meeting spaces, and extra equipment; and to Bethel Inn staff members Amber and Chris for setting up morning and afternoon breaks. Special thanks to Emily Beers, John Kimball, and Steven Greenleaf for taking care of the Gehring House. We look forward to coming back to Bethel in 2010.

From
Telstar Alumni Association

The Telstar Alumni Association will sponsor an Alumni Trophy at the Telstar Car Show on Saturday, Aug. 15. Non-alumni will be voting for their favorite alumni entry. Telstar Alumni Car Show participants will be given a balloon to tie to their entry that will identify alumni who have either a car, truck and/or motorcycle in the 2009 show.

Past winners have included Grayson Wakefield with his 1970 Mustang Mach 1, Ken Cole in a 1960 Ford T-Bird

and Emery Ricker with 2006 Ford Fusion and his 2003 Ford Ranger.

Come and support your alma mater and have a good time at the same time!

From
Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will welcome Democratic candidates who have announced for Governor in the 2010 election, as well as several in the exploratory phase, at their Summer BBQ and Family Fun Day on Sunday, Aug. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will be held at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Leadership Center on Lake Christopher in Bryant Pond.

County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell announced that the Oxford County Democrats expect former Maine Attorney General and House Speaker Steve Rowe, Rosa Scarcelll of Portland, Rep. Dawn Hill of CapeNeddick, as well as Senate President Libby Mitchell and Commissioner of Economic and Community Development John Richardson, to attend. Maine Democratic Party Chair Marianne Stevens and House Majority Whip Seth Berry are among the party leaders who are planning to attend. "We are looking forward to conversation with our guests and to honoring our own legislative and county office holders," Newell stated. "Our annual BBQ is a great time for Democrats to enjoy a traditional summer event and a wonderful kickoff to the many activities leading up to the 2010 election year."

The wonderful facilities of the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Leadership Center are open to attendees, including excellent swimming in a classic Maine lake, use of

canoes and kayaks complete with PFD's, hiking trails.

Those planning to swim; boat or hike may arrive anytime after 11 a.m. The program will begin with a Meet and Greet Social Time at 1, followed by a cookout lunch at 2 served in the dining hall. There will be an introduction of guests and recognition of office-holders following the meal.

Tickets are \$20 per person including the meal and donation to the Oxford County Democrats. Tickets for children under 10 are \$5. To reserve tickets call 875-2116 or e-mail cathyn@megalink.net.

From
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, Aug. 15 — 8th Annual Telstar Car Show open to all.

All automobile enthusiasts are invited to attend the 8th Annual Telstar Car Show to be held on the fields of Telstar High School on Route 26, just one mile south of Bethel village.

The students of Telstar will serve to both greet and collect admission for both those wishing to enter their vehicle in the judging and also spectators. Admission is \$5 for the vehicle and one passenger, and general admission for spectators is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The show opens at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. and will benefit the Telstar student activity funds.

More than 21 classes of vehicles will be judged by the spectators, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd being awarded trophies

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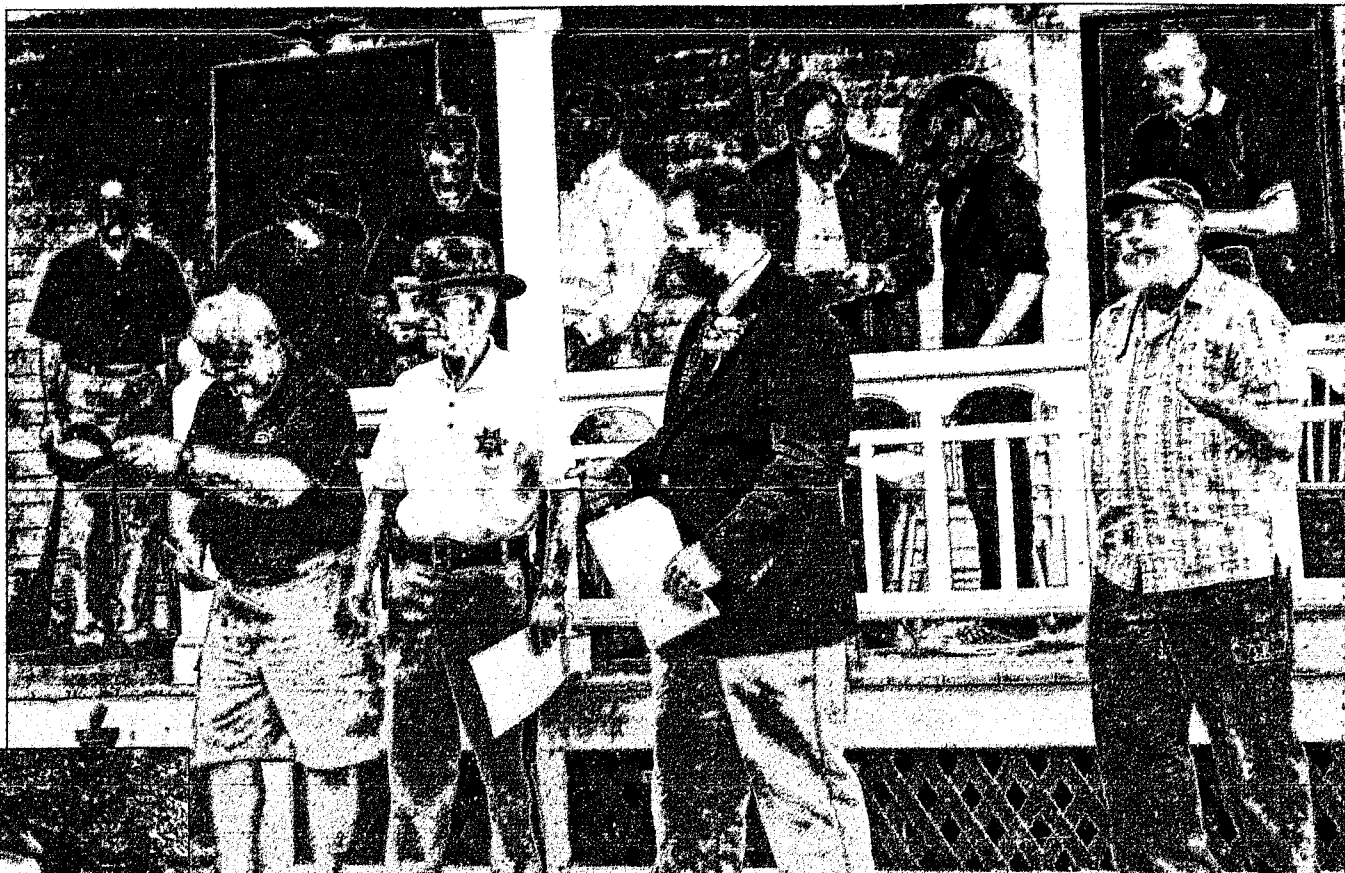
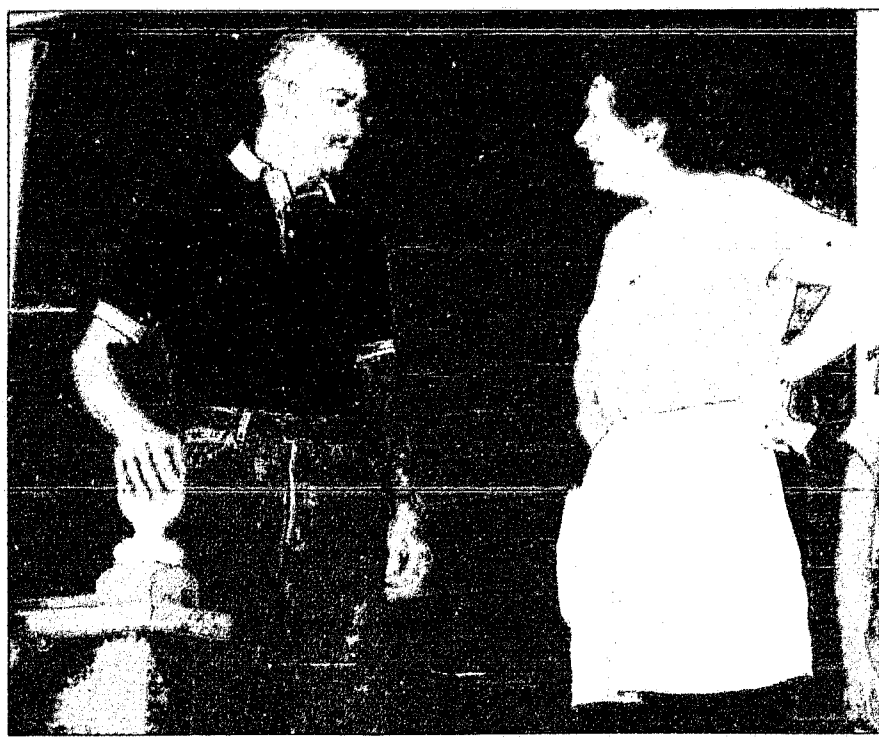
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at the end of the show. Food, music, raffles and lots of great vehicles will make the day enjoyable for all.

At 2 p.m., all the vehicles are invited to join in a parade through Bethel village, and also on a 40-mile scenic ride from Bethel to Rumford Point to Bryant Pond village and then back to Bethel. Everyone is invited to the Rooster's Roadhouse for light refreshments, horseshoes and fun starting at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 824-2282. There is no pre-registration of vehicles— just show up! In the case of rain, the show will be postponed to Sunday, Aug. 16, same time, same location.

From

O.C.R.S.W.C.

Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a new opportunity to purchase trout in the fall. The orders must be received by 4 p.m. on Sept. 28. The pick-up date will be on Oct. 1, 2009, whether you are stocking your pond for the enjoyment of watching them feed or seeing the look on your grandchildren's face when they have one on the line.

You can choose from Rainbow or Brook Trout and they are available in size from 4 to 10 inches. Order forms and stocking permits are available at the Oxford County SWCD and may be picked up at the District office located at 1570 Main Street, Suite 10, or requested by calling 743-5789 ext. 101 or e-mailing jane.heikkinen@me.nacdn.net. You must have your permit from Augusta with you when you pick up your trout.

Classes start Sept. 2.

ALBANY

Bus 20 run starts 6:15 a.m.: Rt. 35, Hatstat Rd. to Hunts Corner Rd., Wardwell Rd. at 7, Rt. 5 at 7:15 to Woodsman's Loop to Patty Brook Rd., to Rt. 5 and on to CPS/THS.

ANDOVER

Start times for Bus 4 and Bus 5 are from Andover Elementary School.

Bus 4 run starts 6:58 a.m.: East Andover, Farmers Hill Rd., East Andover back to South Arm Rd. at 7:20 to AES. Bus 5 starts at 7 a.m.: Upton Rd., to North Main, to Wyman Hill, turning at Crossroads at 7:13, to South Main then back to AES.

Bus 19 run starts 6:17 a.m.: *From Yates' home (850 South Main) South Arm Rd. to East Andover Rd. at 6:40, Farmers Hill, East Andover Rd., Rt. 5 to Rt. 2 at 7:07, to Bethel, to CPS/THS.

Bus 25 run starts at 5:45 a.m.: Pine St., Upton Rd., North Main St., Sawyer Notch Rd. to Littlehale Rd. at 6:40 to Wyman Hill Rd., to North Main to South Main at 6:50, Rt. 5 to Rt. 2, Hanover, to Howard Pond Rd./Mill Hill Rd. at 7:15, to Rt. 2, Top Hat Rd., Rt. 2 to Newry Corner to THS/CPS.

BETHEL

Bus 2 run starts 6:45 a.m.: Vernon St. to Remington's, Irish Neighborhood to Paradise at 7:05, Broad St., Main St. at 7:16, to Intervale Rd. to Carter's Farm to Rt. 26 to THS, up Main St. to Broad St. to Mason St. to CPS.

Bus 03 starts 6:32 a.m.: Intervale Rd. from Carter's

Farm to Rumford Town Line at 7, East Bethel Rd. to Locke Mills to THS/CPS.

SUNDAY RIVER/ WEST BETHEL

Bus 26 run starts 6:30 a.m.: Covered Bridge Rd. to Nordic Knoll, Sunday River Rd., Rt. 2 at 6:58 to West Bethel to Barker Rd. (turning at Androscoggin Rd.) then back to Rt. 2 west to Campground at 7:13, back to Flat Rd. to Liberty Lane, to Rt. 2, Railroad St. to THS/CPS.

WEST BETHEL/GILEAD

Bus 27 run starts 6:30 a.m. from home: Rt. 2 west of Campground, Bog Rd., Gilead, to Intersection of Rt. 113, west on North Rd. at 7:03. Turn East on North Rd. to Bethel, Church St., to CPS/THS.

WEST BETHEL/ MASON/ALBANY

Bus 30 - run starts 6:35 a.m. (from home): From Ernie Waterhouse's, Flat Rd., Mason Township, King's Highway, to Grover Hill Rd. at 6:55, to Skillings Rd., to Baker Rd. in Albany to CPS/THS.

BETHEL/GREENWOOD

Bus 21 run starts 6:20 a.m.: From Rumford Ave. out Rt. 232, to Milton (Telstar students only on Rt. 232 and Rumford Ave.), back to Gore Rd. at 6:50, Old Gore Rd., McCrillis Brook Rd., Gore Rd. to Bird Hill Rd. in Locke Mills to Rt. 26 at 7:15, to Chandler Hill, Rt. 26 north to THS/CPS.

Bus 12 run starts 6:30 a.m. (from home): Rowe Hill, to Greenwood Rd. at 6:55, as far as Highway Dept. lotto turn, back Greenwood Rd. to Howe Hill Rd. as far as Cross Rd. at

7:17, to Rt. 26 to THS/CPS.

UPTON/NEWRY

Start time from Aron's home in Upton.

Bus 17 run starts 6:10 a.m.: Upton, Newry, Lone Pine Rd. at 7:12, Rt. 2 as far as Sunday River Rd., Cross St., Bailey Rd. to THS/CPS.

GREENWOOD/ WOODSTOCK

Bus 22 run starts 6:10 a.m. (from home): Patch Mountain, Greenwood City, to Hayes Hill, to Richardson Hollow Rd. at 6:33, Alcohol Mary Rd., Morse Rd., Old County Rd., to Church St., to Rumford Ave. to WES to drop WES students and get TMS/THS students from Bus 24 then on to THS.

Bus 24 run begins 6:15 a.m. (from WES): Trap Corner at 6:25 to Estes Rd. (off Rt. 219) to Rt. 26 to Paige Ln. to Andrews Rd., Koskela Rd., to Perkins Valley at 6:54, Cushman Rd., to Route 232, Rumford Ave. to WES.

Bus 11 run starts at 6:14 a.m. from Felt Rd. Curtis Hill, Rt. 26 north from Andrews Corner, to end of Dudley Rd. at 6:43, to Main and North Main St., turning at Ball Field at 6:53, back to Railroad St., Birch St., to Rowe Hill, Sheepskin Bog, back to Rt. 26, up over Merrifield Hill to Rt. 232, Rumford Ave. to WES, Rumford Ave. to Rt. 26, Bryant Pond Post Office at 7:25, Rt. 26 to THS.

Bus 16 run starts 7 a.m. (Woodstock Elementary only): Run starts from Woodstock School, Rumford Ave. to Rt. 232, to Buck's, to Gore Road, Bird Hill/McCrillis Brook at 7:14, back to Rt. 232, Rumford Ave. to WES.

Woodstock THS/TMS town students will meet Bus 11 at the Bryant Pond Post Office.

*Due to unforeseen circumstances, bus pick-up times may vary from the scheduled times.

**Except as noted, start times are from the Transportation Facility in Bethel.

For more information call the Transportation Department at 824-2471 or e-mail at deeganr@sad44.org.

Safety Tips from SAD44 Dept. of Transportation

Help Your Kids Get Back to School Safely

As summer days grow shorter, communities across America will soon be observing that timeless annual ritual: the first day of school. It's a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief and students and teachers anticipate new beginnings and new challenges.

Unfortunately, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of transportation-related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes because there are many more children on the road each morning and afternoon and many driver's patterns change. Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists. So as school open their doors, it's time for everyone, motorists, parents, educators, and students, to improve their traffic safety practices. The

following tips can help this be a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

Tips for Motorists

- 1) Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- 2) Always stop for a school bus that has stopped to load or unload passengers. Red flashing lights and extended stop arm tell you the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop.
- 3) Be alert and ready to stop. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- 4) When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Tips for Parents

- 1) Help your children learn and practice the safety rules for walking, bicycling, or riding in a passenger car or school bus.
- 2) Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- 3) Be a good role model, especially when you are with your kids. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking, and always follow pedestrian safety rules.

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Events Calendar

9 a.m. to Noon - **Bethel Farmers Market**, every Saturday through Oct. 31 at Norway Savings Bank (Route 2 and Parkway). Locally grown and fresh: produce, beef, pork, poultry, breads, pies and other baked goods.

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at pquilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Sundays in August (except Aug. 16)

2 to 4 p.m. - **Open House** at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. FMI: call Barbara Payne at 743-5677.

Thursday, Aug. 13

1:30 p.m. - **At Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond: learn how to make a Solar Cooker by Jim Chandler. All supplies provided. All welcome. Nacho chips with shredded cheese. FMI: 674-2143.

6:30 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Lady Vikings Celtic concert**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$6 under 12 available at door. FMI: e-mail coachcorm@yahoo.com.

Friday, Aug. 14

9 a.m. - **"Let's Go Fishing"** (must RSVP) at Potter Farm, a New Hampshire Fish and Game presentation at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. Afternoon, chance to go out on boats and practice new techniques on Umbagog Lake. Free. FMI or to register: call (603) 482-3415 ext. 10.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office** at Norway Town Hall to answer questions, provide resources, and meet one on one to discuss Medicare concerns. Also Tax and Rent presentation. Free and open to public. FMI: (800) 427-1241.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 14-16
33rd Annual Trappers Convention at Neil Olson's, East Bethel Road, Bethel. Demonstrations, contests, music, auction, etc. FMI: call 875-5765.

Saturday, Aug. 15

8th Annual Telstar Car Show (rain date Aug. 16). Car registration \$5 for car, driver, one passenger. Spectators: \$2 adults, \$1 students/kids. Food/music. Vendors welcome.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Arts and Artisans Fair** at New Suncook School, Main Street, Lovell. About 60 artisans display crafts, demonstrations, book sale, Homemade sandwiches/desserts available. Fundraiser for Charlotte Hobbs Library, Lovell village.

Roxbury ATV Riders H.O.P.E. ride. Anyone who has two-seat four-wheeler please volunteer to take challenged and disadvantaged youths and adults for trail ride. FMI: call Jane Ryerson 357-2772.

5 p.m. - **Chicken Pie Supper** at Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church. 6 p.m. second seating and third if needed. Price: \$7 adults, \$3 age 12 and under. Reservations: Saturday 9 a.m. to noon by confirmation (do not leave message). FMI: 583-9024.

8 p.m. - **Celebration Barn Theater**, Stock Farm Road, South Paris, presents mime sensation Bill Bowers, one-man performance "It Goes Without Saying." Tickets: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 students. (Not recommended for children.) Reservations required (743-8452). FMI: visit www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, Aug. 16

1 p.m. - **North Pond Sailing Association Regatta** (rain date only) at North Pond. Small sailboats welcome to join this Sunfish fleet. FMI: call Blaine Mills at 875-3726 or write Blaine Mills, PO Box 175, Greenwood, ME 04255.

4 p.m. - **Connie St. Pierre**, flute, Summer Bandstand Concert Series at Bethel Bandstand on Common. FMI: call 825-3575 or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

4 p.m. - **Music in the Great North Woods** presents Michie Akin and David Westfall, 1863 piano. Location: Chapel Arts New England, junction routes 2 and 16 south in Gorham, N.H. across from park, Gorham Town Common. No tickets required but donations requested.

10 p.m. - **At Deertrees Theatre**, Harrison: **Historical Psycho** premiere. No one under 17 admitted. Tickets: \$5 available at box office. FMI: 583-6747 or e-mail Deertrees@usa.net or visit www.deertreestheatre.org.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 18, 19

9:30 to 10:30 - **Books and Beyond** at Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Dawn Davis leads grades K, 1 and 2 stories, writing and art projects and Dawn Davis leads grades 3-5 featuring local author Dean Bennett's stories about Maine animals and their environment. Also related activities and light refreshments.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

9 to 11:30 a.m. - **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office** at Rumford Community Center to answer questions, provide resources, and meet one on one to discuss Medicare concerns. Also Tax and Rent presentation. Free and open to public. FMI: (800) 427-1241.

7 p.m. - **Region 9 Board of Directors** regular meeting at Region 9, Mexico. Agenda items include approval of a cooperative agreement, acceptance of a hot lunch service contract and approval of a student handbook. Notify Melanie Babb if unable to attend.

8 p.m. - **At Deertrees Theatre**, Harrison: **"A Shorter Hysterical Historie of Musicke"** by David Scheel. Tickets: \$20 adults/students \$10 available at Books N Things, Bethel; The Cool Moose, Bridgton; The Country Sleigh, Naples; Fare Share, Norway or Box Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and one hour before performance. FMI: 583-6747 or e-mail Deertrees@usa.net or visit www.deertreestheatre.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

3 to 6 p.m. - **Resource Fair** at Andover Town Hall for people needing employment, healthcare options, career training, bill paying strategies, etc.

Thursday, Aug. 20

5:30 p.m. - **Albany Congregational Church Supper**, Hunts Corner Road. \$6 Adults, \$3 children under 12. Beans, brown bread, rolls, salads, casseroles, pies and beverages.

7 p.m. - **Free film "The Dark Side of the Loon"** showing at Errol Town Hall sponsored by Umbagog Fish and Wildlife Service. FMI: www.darksideoftheloon.com.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Aug. 20 thru 22

8 p.m. - **At Deertrees Theatre**, Harrison: **New York Water**. Tickets: \$20 adults/students \$10 available at Books N Things, Bethel; The Cool Moose, Bridgton; The Country Sleigh, Naples; Fare Share, Norway or Box Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and one hour before performance. FMI: 583-6747 or e-mail Deertrees@usa.net or visit www.deertreestheatre.org.

Friday, Aug. 21

7:30 p.m. - **Art Moves Dance Project** presents "A Wild Patience," original musical comedy by Debi Irons at Oxford Hills High School, South Paris. Tickets: all tickets in advance \$12. For adults/students/seniors \$15 for adults at door. FMI: 743-5569.

Saturday, Aug. 22

8:30 to noon - **SWOAM FIELD DAY**. Family day at Stevens Farm, Intervale Road, Bethel. Scavenger hunt for kids, bug walk, hayrides, games/prizes. Equipment demos. Refreshments. FMI: 824-2338 or e-mail ebotka@roadrunner.com.

10 a.m. - **Hannibal Hamlin Bicentennial Celebration** Paris Hill Common (next to Baptist Church), Open to public. FMI: 743-2980 or visit www.hamlin.lib.me.us.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Life of the Honey Bee** at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. FMI: call 657-4977 or visit www.mainewildlifepark.com.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Benefit Supper for Joy Frost** at Rumford Center Grange, Route 2. Casseroles and baked beans.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Supper at West Bethel Union Church**. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3 under 12.

Sunday, Aug. 23

4 p.m. - **The Swamp Donkeys**, Summer Bandstand Concert Series at Bethel Bandstand on Common. FMI: call 825-3575 or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

Monday, Aug. 24

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **"Alcohol Seller Server Training"** (On Premise Licensees) sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition at Newry Grange Hall (first building after turning on to Route 26 from Route 2 on right). Must pre-register (seating limited) by calling Sandy 364-7408.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

10 p.m. - **At Deertrees Theatre**, Harrison: **Boreal Tordu**. Tickets: \$20 available at box office. FMI: 583-6747 or e-mail Deertrees@usa.net or visit www.deertreestheatre.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 28-30

18th annual Moose North Country Moose Festival in Colebrook, Columbia, Pittsburg, West Stewartstown, N.H. and Canaan, Vt. Classic auto show Saturday at Canaan Community Park, 9 a.m., to 3 p.m. FMI and schedule: (800) 698-8939 or visit www.moosefestival.com.

Saturday, Aug. 29

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - **Living History Day** at Scribner's Mill, Harrison. Pig roast dinner at noon. Admission: \$5, under 12 free. FMI: 583-6455 or Angela Freitas at 595-8777.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays (Thanksgiving through April 1) at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8888 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 828-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.blumoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday. Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 9:30-10:30, with brunch to follow. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sun. days: Sunday School for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2224.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 624-9928 (voice mail) or 824-7203 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-4556

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur 364-4556

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross. Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School. 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m.,

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9921 or 998-7419 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Welch. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sunday at 10am. Pres. Peter Beckel. 364-5881

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room: Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5896 (trecording)

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sun. day service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd. Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club). Norway. Call 824-2999 FMI or ride

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am. Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers operate third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) Sun. day worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2890 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m. June-Aug., Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley Call 743-6762 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass. Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship (Sept. - June). Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm FMI 743-2828

OXFORD

St. Mary's: Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion 10:30am. Rev. Tim Parsons. Pres. and pastor. Special holidays will be announced. St. Michael's: the rotary

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school, Sun. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm 179 Andover Road FMI call 441-5555 or visit our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.com

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. S. Main Street, Witley

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational Church - Kimball, pastor. Sunday service 9am

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 am worship. Rev. Richard Bell. 674-2145

West Paris Baptist - Sumner Worship 9:15 a.m. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten at 10am. Sunday School (grades 1-5) 10:15am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m. Monday Dinner net meeting first Monday of the month. Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Bks. Time: Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:00am. Adult Bar: Wednesday evenings. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm. church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 10am

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7:15th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207) 597-9670. Saturday 9:20am Sabbath school 11am worship service

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 202, North Woodstock) - Hyman Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

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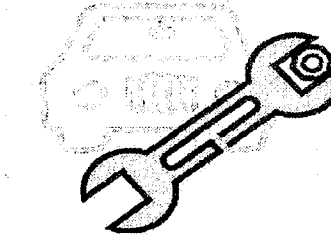
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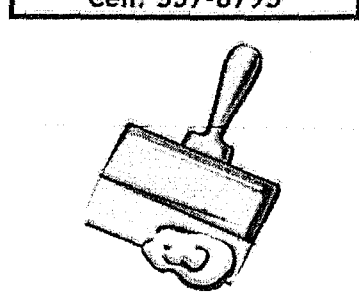
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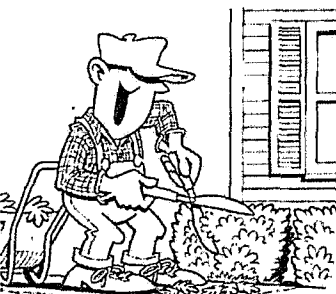
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- 2) Support any "Getting to School Safely" activities sponsored by your school, PTA/PTO, or other community organizations.
- 3) Be a good role model. Always use your seatbelt, wear a helmet when bicycling or riding a motorcycle.

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- 1) Always buckle up when you're riding in a car.

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Gary and Kathy Williamson Nancy and Raymond Glew of Harmony, R.I., land and building at 8 Balsam Road, \$172,000, May 29, 2009.

Eric and Karen Wight to Sarah and Peter Southam of Bethel, commercial property at 53 Mayville Road, \$210,000, May 15, 2009.

Western Maine Vacation Properties to Ingleside Properties North of Jackson, Fla. land and building, 99 Bailey Road, \$204,500, May 22, 2009.

Western Maine Custom Builders to Maria Vicens-Ivanov of Ipswich, Mass., land in Mountain Brook Estates, \$45,000, May 28, 2009.

Steven Rowe to Savage Land Development to Steven Rowe of Bethel, land and building at 869 East Bethel Road, \$463,500, May 8, 2009.

Charles and Charlene Romans to Janhendrick Boekaar and Nicole Overwater of St. Martin, Dutch Antilles, land in Hide-A-Way Hills Subdivision, \$55,000, June 19, 2009.

Frank and Carolyn Rasmussen to Justin and Michelle McAnaney of Union, condominium at Eden Ridge, \$147,000, June 4, 2009.

John and Nancy Papamecha to Victoria Wheeler of Hyde Park, N.Y., land and building at 47 River Valley Acre Road, \$221,000, May 29, 2009.

David North to Dominic and Lisa Calandra of Stratham, land and building in Will View II, \$268,000, May 15, 2009.

Elizabeth Morrissey to Christina Rieske of Somoerville, Mass., land and building at 12 Holt Hill Road, \$197,000, June 12, 2009.

Rebecca Morin to Western Maine Custom Builders of Bethel, land in Mountain Brook Estates, \$45,000, April 9, 2009.

Elizabeth McGarry to Savage Land Development of Bethel, land in Johnson Park III, \$10,000, May 15, 2009.

Mark and Peggy McDonald to Maureen Vanoden of Scarborough, land and building at 9 Cherry Lane, \$91,250, May 12, 2009.

Maine Escape Properties and Homes to R&L Realty Trust of Bethel, land in English Woods Drive, \$21,250, April 29, 2009.

Daniel Kiley to Francesco and Patricia Rietti of Marblehead, Mass., land and building at 406 Paradise Road, \$156,000, June 11, 2009.

Edward and Mary Jo Kennett to Stanley and Susan Milton of Bethel land on Main Street, \$45,000, May 15, 2009.

James and Colleen Ippolito to Andrew Parr and Susan Santucci of Bethel, land and building at 57 Elm Street, \$214,500, May 22, 2009.

Richard Goulet to Maelynn Patten of Bethel, land and building at 22 Willard Road, \$219,000, June 19, 2009.

Flat Road LLC, to David North of Center Conway, N.H., land and building on the Flat Road, \$125,000, June 22, 2009.

James and Melissa Doar to Peter Pepin of Rumford, land and building at 38 Countryside Lane, \$180,000, June 26, 2009.

Beverly Brown to Bruce Perry and Heidi Davidson of Bethel, land in Sunset Hill Subdivision, \$32,500, May 8, 2009.

Estate of Arlene Brown to Richard and Juliana Collins of Greenwood, land and building on Chapman Street, \$165,000, June 12, 2009.

GREENWOOD

Mary Jo Kelly and Ryan Wheeler to Savage Land Development of Bethel, land on Howe Hill Road, \$16,750, June 10, 2009; and land in Westwood Subdivision, \$16,750, June 10, 2009.

Arlene Greenleaf to Duane's Retreat LLC of Boston, land easterly of Howe Hill Road, \$2,000, June 23, 2009.

NEWRY

Ronald W. Savage to Normand J. Bonsant and Tyler W. Pratt of Ogunquit, lot in Great Brook Preserve, \$132,500, May 29, 2009.

Kris and Gretchen Anderson to John M. and Donna M. Miller of Ashland, Mass., lot in Mahoosuc Glen Subdivision, \$125,000, May 29, 2009.

Jason Berke to Susan and Arthur Murphy of Milton, Mass., land and building on Douglas Road, \$770,000, May 29, 2009.

WOODSTOCK

A&B Equipment to Matthew and Nancy Cushman of Bryant Pond, land on Cushman Road, \$9,200, June 4, 2009.

Burton Hathaway to William Seames of Bryant Pond, land (no location given), \$1,000, June 23, 2009.

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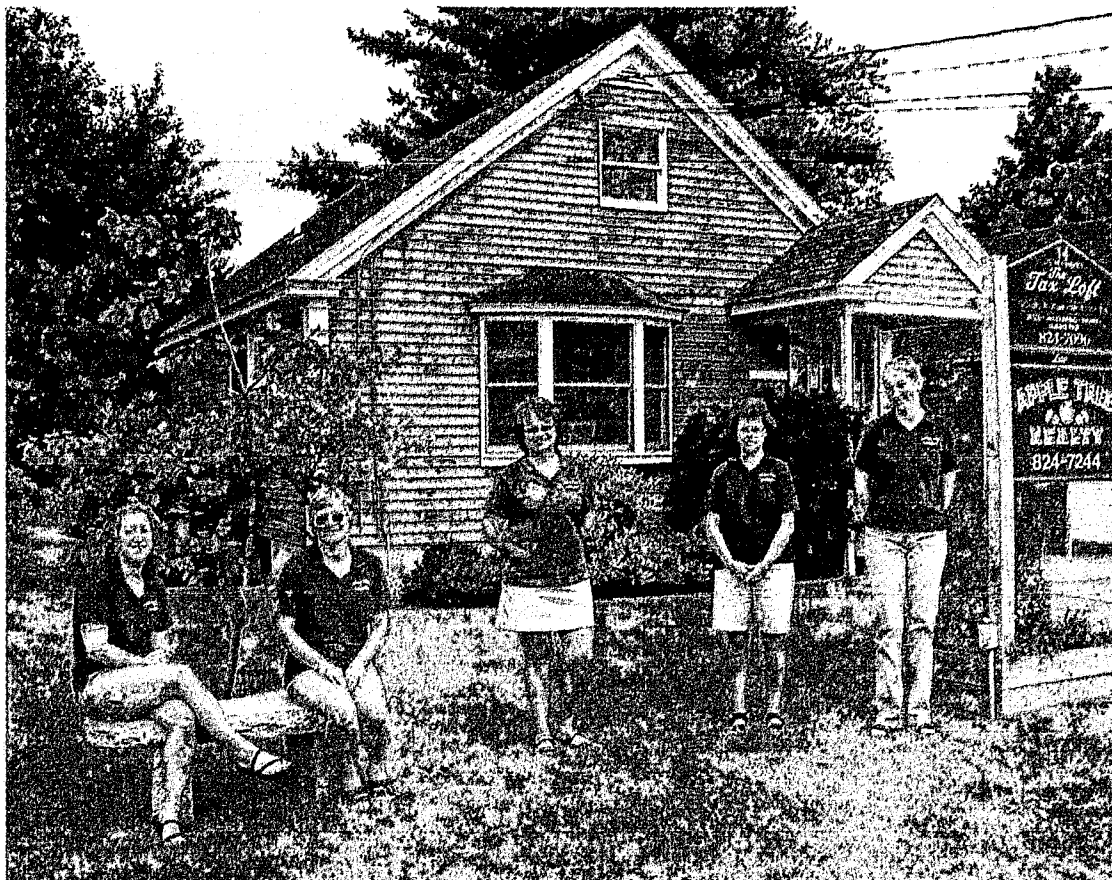
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In addition to its special anniversary sale on appliances and televisions during its nine day celebration—and on recliners, sofas and beds at its Auburn and South Paris stores—Agren will be giving away nine major appliance and television door prizes, with the grand prize: a \$2,400 Electrolux Range, and 37" Sony LCD HDTV and front-load laundry pairs from General Electric and Fisher & Paykel, and a Queen-size Beautyrest bed set as other featured prizes.

There will be at-the-door giveaways as well and the Agren family warmly invites its many customers, past, present and future, to come in help them celebrate this special anniversary.



Michele Perejda with artist Joe Finn at this year's Bethel Art Fair held on the Common in Bethel.

Michele Perejda, Owner/ Broker of Dream Realty and Sunday River Artisans lives in Newry with her son Matthew, a senior at Gould Academy. Her business and mountain lifestyle, reflect a commitment to community and family. Michele's full service real estate company also serves as an artisan gallery, promoting and supporting local artists and craftsmen. This unique concept is an all around win/win. Michele offers staging services to her seller clients utilizing the local talent from her gallery, new home owners can find just the right local art work to add mountain flair to their investment, and the Sunday River Road location offers artisans a venue to be seen! Michele is also a board member of the Mahoosuc Arts Council and hopes to introduce a corporate art program with local businesses and restaurants. Michele's philosophy is fairly simple, "There is no greater reward in life than to enjoy what you do and live your dream!"

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Consider replacing your windows.

by Chris Garner
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Although it is only August I have the impulse to use a word no one will forgive me for: Winter. When considering winter, consider replacing your windows.

Replacing your windows can be a great benefit. It can save you money all winter long, get you a rebate from the government and can also be tax deductible. Replacement windows can be a great idea. But I always encourage homeowners to consider new construction windows over replacement windows whenever possible. Replacement windows are windows that fit into an existing frame. This technique leaves a gap, generally filled by caulk, that can be drafty and lead to in-wall water damage in a short period of time. Although people say they know that they should caulk their windows annually I would bet most people don't do it until there is a problem. Often, these problems that result from the water entering the wall between the space of the replacement window frame and the existing window frame are invisible until they are well developed and costly to repair.

New construction windows have a flange, or plastic fin, around the frame where they get nailed to the wall and sealed with caulk. They also have a vinyl sill and frame attached to the window. This window style is often LESS expensive than a replacement window. There are companies that make new construction windows in custom sizes at virtually no added cost. Replacement windows come in custom sizes and offer less advantages in their construction.

Here's the down side: These windows require that the siding around the window and the trim inside be removed to attach them to the wall properly. This can often mean an increase in cost for labor to the homeowner but can often be balanced out by the savings offered by ordering new construction windows. I often find that in many remodeling jobs that one of the largest areas where the homeowner was losing heat wasn't from the window itself but from a lack of insulation around the window in the opening. The installation of replacement windows often never exposes this problem.

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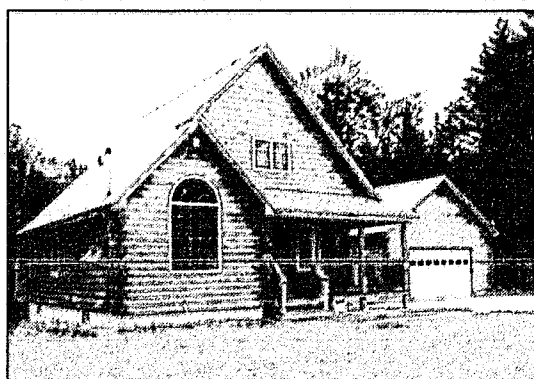
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285-291 STUDIO + 1 BR \$27,000
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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (soon to be syndicated)
WOW, Ben, did you see that beautiful creature!!!! I'd venture to say that she is "From Away"!!!!
Jerry, you should not be checking out other girls. What would Annie think?
Oh, Ben, I'm only looking. I've never seen anything like this. What A BABE!
You know, Jerry, we are very fortunate that residents "From Away" appreciate our lovely town and surrounding areas and many even buy properties here!
Absolutely, Ben, this commerce keeps our demand, market value, purchase prices and tax revenues as strong as possible even in down markets, such as the one we are experiencing right now!
Jerry, sometimes you surprise me with your keen intellect. However, the news recently reported a poll of prominent professional Dog Trainers who found POODLES to be the second smartest breed of dogs in the World. Personally, I think the Top Dog, that being the Border Collie, bribed the judges!
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NEW PRICE
3 Eden Lane, Bethel:
4-BR/2-bath cape located on desirable Paradise Road. Features include beautiful mountain views, hardwood floors, a fireplace and a tied four-season sunroom. Detached 2-car garage has ample storage overhead and potential for an in-law apartment. \$219,000



NEW PRICE
1750 Route 2, Rumford:
2-BR/1 bath cape-style farmhouse with attached barn and a yard with beautiful perennial garden and a vegetable garden. A large eat-in kitchen with antique cook stove, bright, airy room, master bedroom and an additional small room currently used as a bedroom. \$59,000



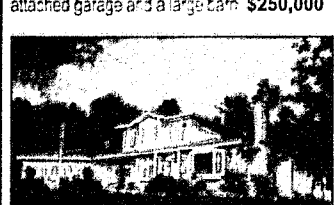
PENDING
411 Songo Pond Rd, Bethel:
Classy colonial with 4 BRs & 2.5 baths - renovated while keeping its charm. The open floor plan for the kitchen & living room is an ideal place to entertain and the addition of a family room is a great place for guests or a nice quiet attached garage and a large barn. \$250,000



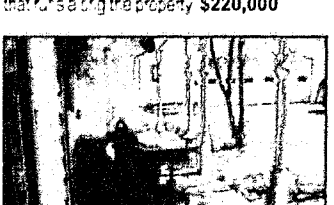
531 North Road, Bethel:
Charming 3-BR/3-bath home. Master bedroom on the 1st floor. 2 bedrooms with a shared full bath on the second floor. 3rd bath is located off the kitchen. Small deck on the back and covered porch on the front. 34 acres with a small brook that runs along the property. \$220,000



4 Franklin Road, Newry:
Beautiful 3-BR/2-bath home with a detached 2-car garage and a large lot. The kitchen is custom made with granite and the floors are maple. The laundry room has a washer and dryer and a full set of built-in cabinets. \$479,000



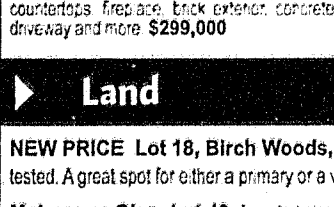
151 Hall Hill Road, Rumford:
Impressive 3-BR/2-bath home on a beautiful lot of land with stone walls, mountain views, 2 porches and professional landscaping. Quality construction & upgrades include hardwood flooring, granite countertops, fireplace, brick exterior, concrete driveway and more. \$299,000



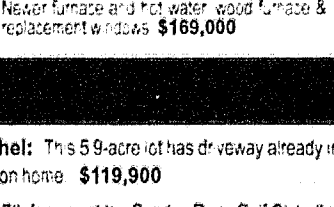
52 North Main Street, Andover:
Home with 4 BRs & 2 baths on 6+ acres. Updates include a fabulous kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor apartment offers income potential. Attached 2-car garage barn. Newer furnace and hot water wood furnace & replacement windows. \$169,000



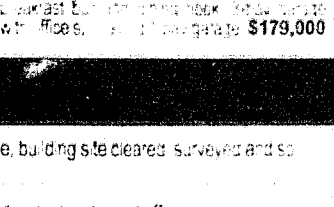
44 Firelane 864, Andover:
This 3-BR/2-bath home sits on 2+ acres. Entry features a beautiful mountain view and a large porch. The kitchen is custom made with granite and the floors are maple. The laundry room has a washer and dryer and a full set of built-in cabinets. \$179,000



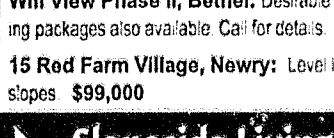
NEW PRICE Lot 18, Birch Woods, Bethel: This 5.9-acre lot has driveway already in place, building site cleared, surveyed and tested. A great spot for either a primary or a vacation home. \$119,900



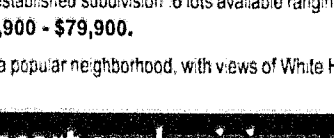
Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 40: Located along the 7th fairway at the Sunday River Golf Club, this spectacular building site offers sweeping views of the course and the Mahoosuc Mountains. \$195,000



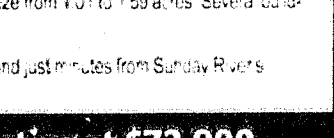
Lot 1, Fuller Hill Estates, Woodstock: 7.7-acre parcel with incredible mountain views. Driveway in place with cleared building site. Soil tested, surveyed and power at the street. A truly breathtaking spot.



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15 Red Farm Village, Newry: Level lot in a popular neighborhood, with views of White Heat and just minutes from Sunday River slopes. \$99,000



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Tempest Ridge Only 3 remaining town homes from \$591,000

Obituaries

RALPH M. BRACKETT

Ralph Maynard Brackett, 91, of Poland Spring, died Friday morning, Aug. 7, 2009 at Hospice House after enduring a long illness.

He was born in Poland Spring, Oct. 13, 1917, the son of Ralph and Betsy Bickford Brackett. Maynard spent his entire life living and working in Poland Spring. He started work at the original Poland Spring Water Co., then became a carpenter and retired as a master plumber.

He was a 61-year member of Tyrian Lodge 73 A.F. & A.M. in Mechanic Falls. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He was a loving and caring person who will be missed by friends and relatives.

Survivors include his daughter, Geraldine Walsh and her husband Michael; his sons, Vaughn and Gayland and his wife Dawn; grandsons, Kevin and his wife Robin, Troy and his wife Annie; granddaughter, Tamara and her husband Ron; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Brackett; brother-in-law, Norman Bryant and wife Nathalie; sister-in-law Geraldine Bryant; many nieces and nephews; and his "grand horses," Star and Brady.

Maynard was predeceased by six brothers and sisters; his wife, Ethelyn; and a son, Errol.

Funeral services were

held Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, Mechanic Falls. Interment followed at Pine Grove Cemetery, Poland. Public Masonic services were conducted by Tyrian Lodge 73. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Androscoggin Kidney Center, 1100 Minot Avenue, Auburn, ME 04210, or to Poland Fire Rescue, 1231 Main Street, Poland, ME 04274. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.westonchandler.com.



ADRIAN L. MORIN, SR.

Born in Lewiston, Maine, on Sept. 16, 1945. Adrien died on Aug. 10, 2009 at her home in Waterford surrounded by his family, friends, and his dog, Sissy, from a short battle with cancer.

Adrien worked as a logger and then for Pioneer Plastics,

also at Newton Tebbets, Cianbro, Pikes, and Lucas Tree.

He married Darlene Coriveau on Aug. 5, 1965.

He is survived by his children, Adrien Jr. and his wife Jackie of Waterford, Yvon and his wife Jenn also of Waterford, Anthony and his wife Tracy from Bethel, Jody and his wife Lynn of Gilead, Jeremy and his wife Becky also of Gilead, Darleen "Moldue" from Rutland Mass.; 18 grandchildren; four brothers and five sisters. Adrien was predeceased by one brother, one sister, and his mother and father.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Norway Savings Bank, P.O. 347 Norway, ME 04268. There has been an account started for Tyler Clough, a local 10-year-old from Bethel, who is fighting bone cancer. Please make checks payable to Tyler Clough.

Please join us in celebration of his life on Aug. 22, 2009 at the North Waterford Congregational Church in North Waterford at 11 a.m.

WILBUR C. CUSHING

Wilbur Curtis Cushing, 87, died from cancer at his home in Marstons Mills, Mass., on July 28, 2009.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1921, in Dorchester, the son of Newell Curtis Cushing and Gertrude Lee Greene. The marriage failed and his mother brought him home to Marstons Mills to live with his

widowed grandmother when he was about a year old.

Wilbur attended grades one through four at the Marstons Mills Grammar School when it was located on Route 149, at what is now the Griffin Apartments Complex. He went to Cuttitt for grade five and Oosterville for grade six.

On Sept. 21, 1946, having returned home from service in World War II, Wilbur met Vivian Emma Melix of Sandwich, on a blind date. They clicked! They were married exactly one year later at what was then the Sandwich Federated Church. He brought his bride to a new home on Prince's Cove where they continued to live to this time.

Wilbur Cushing constructed and owned the Prince's Cove Marina in 1965-66 and leased it out for a number of years before selling the place. It is now owned by the town of Barnstable.

Wilbur was a former member of the Marstons Mills Athletic & Civic Club and several Air Force Historical societies. He enjoyed fishing, shell fishing and deer hunting in Maine and Vermont.

For 13 years, the Cushings enjoyed their 5th wheel trailer at Chokoskee Island, Fla., in the winter months until the drive down became a chore. They also owned an old farmhouse in Newry, which they and many friends and relatives enjoyed too. Life was good!

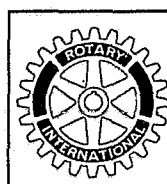
Wilbur, one of the older gentlemen of the old-time Marstons Mills area, grew up at a quieter time, knew many of the older residents and places. He remembered the early Cape Cod Airport in the Mills as being one of the excitement of his young life. In the past 30 years or so, he has had a pet project — the challenge of laying out the village of Marstons Mills as in the early Proprietors' Records of the 1700s. Sadly this was never completed.

Wilbur was very interested in Cape Cod genealogy and history and was in the process of taping his memoirs for the local historical society. He was also extremely concerned about our herring fishery and the Mills Herring run.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Vivian E. Cushing; and son, Fredric Curtis Cushing, both of Marstons Mills; a daughter, Virginia Lee (Cushing) Young and her husband Gerald A. Young of Sterling, N.Y.; a sister, Betty Lee (Griffin) Williams of Centerville; and cousins, Thomas Burrows and Claire Sherman of Marstons Mills, and Gertrude Deery of Mashpee. Numerous nephews and nieces also remain.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Aug. 1, at Marstons Mills Cemetery, to be followed by a gathering of friends and relatives at Liberty Hall on Main Street.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Wilbur's memory can be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, VNA of Cape Cod, 434 Route 134, Suite G-1, South Dennis, MA 02660, would be most appreciated, or to Liberty Hall Club, P.O. Box 401, Marstons Mills, MA 02648. Published in the Cape Cod Times on 7/31/2009



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NOTICE Bethel Riverside Cemetery Association

There will be a
special meeting on
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26, 2009 at the Bethel
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Robinson House
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Town of Greenwood Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing
Subdivision Review

Duane's Retreat
121 Unit Condominium
Subdivision
off Howe Hill Road

Monday, August 24, 2009
7:00pm

Greenwood Town Hall
270 Main St.

Subdivision Application is on file
for public review
at the
Greenwood Town Office
9 Bird Hill Road

TOWN OF NEWRY PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday the 17th
of AUGUST 2009

6:00 P.M.

The Selectmen invite you to
meet at the Newry Town Office
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A PUBLIC HEARING on the
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- Osteoporosis risk increases with age
- Early detection of osteoporosis promotes more effective treatment

Radiologic technologist Jean Saubelle, lead mammography technologist at Rumford Hospital, with new digital mammography equipment in the redecorated mammography suite. Rumford Hospital also has a new bone density scanning system.

Scheduling

Make your own mammogram appointment.

Bone density scanning must be ordered by a healthcare provider. Call your healthcare provider and ask that your bone density scan and mammogram be scheduled together.

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